



CRIME

Two players face charges

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Off-the-field troubles continue to plague Missouri Southern's football team. Two players were arrested early Sunday morning and charged with assaulting a 16-year-old male in Room 211 of the Motel 6 at 3301 Range Line.

Marcus Kemp and Kqorea Willis were arrested by Joplin police and later charged by Jasper County with a Class A Misdemeanor of Assault in the Third Degree.

The charge carries a maximum of one year in jail, a fine of up to \$1,000, or a combination of both, said Joseph Schoeberl, associate circuit judge, Division IV.

The warrants state Kemp "attempted to cause physical injury, by breaking a beer bottle over the [16-year-old's] head." Willis' warrant alleges he struck the teen about the body.



Kemp



Willis

A JPD incident report listed the weapons as hands, fists, and feet. There was no mention of the beer bottle. The JPD report also lists the assault as "sexual."

The victim was treated at Freeman West Hospital.

Kemp has been removed from the football squad, said head coach Jon Lantz. "Marcus Kemp broke team policy," Lantz said.

Willis remains on the team, Lantz said, because "Kqorea, to my knowledge, is innocent."

Lantz said he had conducted his "own investigation" into the incident. Players have been removed from the team in the past and have returned the following year, but Lantz said Kemp is "off for good."

The 16-year-old who was assaulted wouldn't comment except to say that he was "not sure right now" if he would file assault charges of his own against the pair.

Willis also had no comment, and Kemp couldn't be reached for comment.

Willis is a starting linebacker for the Lions and has been a standout at the position after transferring from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

Kemp was a candidate for the free safety starting slot, but hasn't seen much action

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Jon Lantz
Head football coach

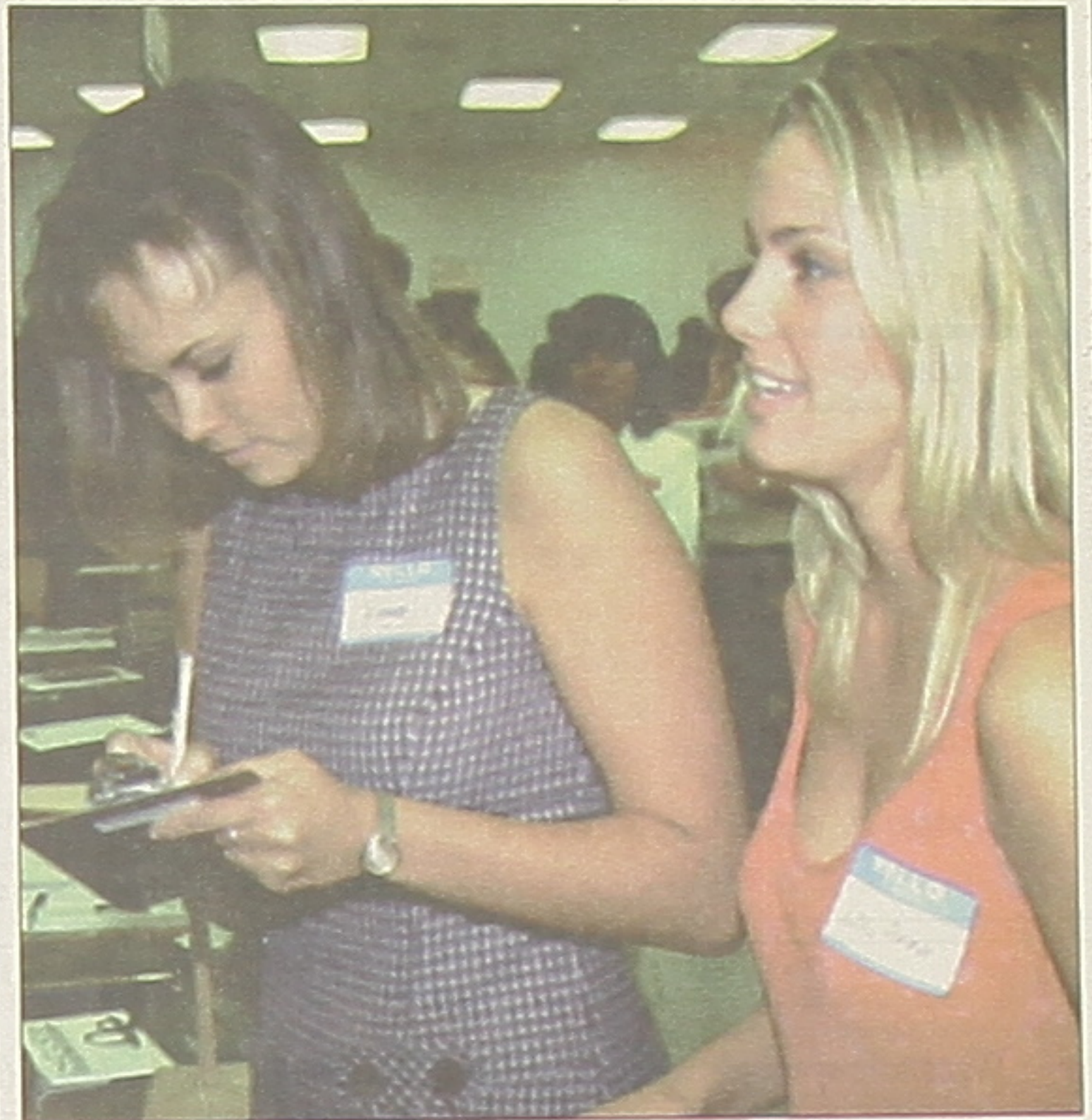
because of off-the-field problems.

Lantz said if Willis was convicted of the crime, he alone would deal with it.

"I'm certainly not the law in Joplin," Lantz said. "With Kqorea, I'll move on it if and when somebody can show me he was at fault or guilty."

The football Lions are only halfway through the season and have already endured a mass suspension of 11 players before the first game of the season for alcohol-related incidents on campus. Kemp was one of two players suspended for the first two games of the season because of the incidents. □

JOB HUNT



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Taking some notes at Career Development Day, Tamara Cain, senior communications major (left), talks with Lou Anna Hanes, freshman communications major.

STUDENT LIFE BEAT

"College was kind of a scary step at first..."

HOME SWEET HOME

Homeroom takes on different meaning for some students

By SUSIE FRISBIE
STAFF WRITER

College life can be a big adjustment for students coming out of high school.

However, for those students who did not attend conventional primary and secondary schools, the adjustment may appear to be twice as difficult.

Nathan Moss, senior physics major, believes otherwise.

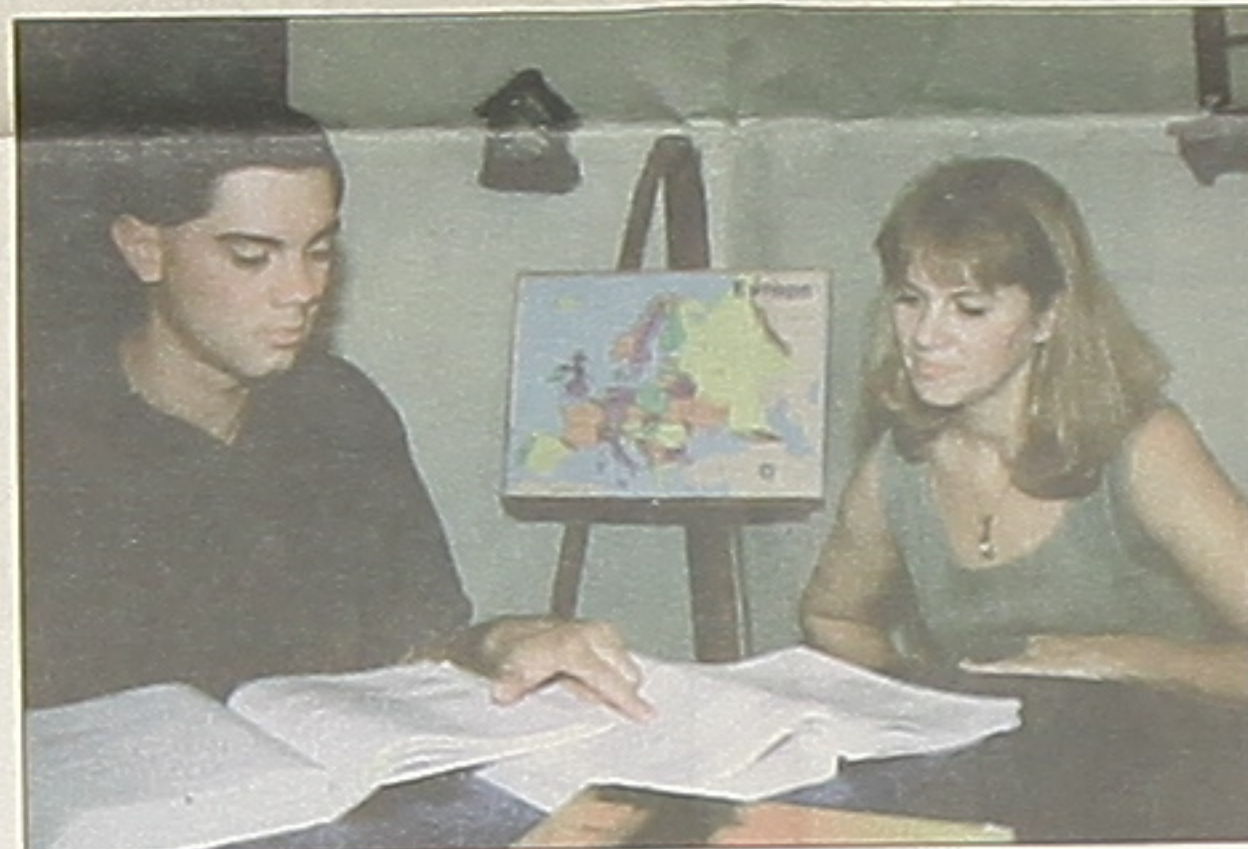
"College was kind of a scary step at first, but it's not as hard as people would think," he said.

Moss did not attend traditional public school. His family has been home schooled.

Moss believes home schooling offers many unique opportunities.

"Our home schooling was set up such that if we were motivated, we could get our work done early," he said. "We were then free to do something else."

Because of the flexibility in home schooling, Moss often was able to take trips with his father who traveled across the country for his job.



Getting some home school help from his mother Jane, Nathan Moss, senior physics major, says his home schooling offers many opportunities.

TIM WILSON
The Chart

Student LifeBeat



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"That was a real learning experience," he said. "I think there is a lot in school that you don't learn in the classroom."

Elissa Moore, freshman speech communication major, also enjoyed the flexibility that home schooling offers.

"Being at home you get to do a lot of fun and exciting things, not just things to meet some requirement," she said.

Academically, Moss believes his home-schooling experience was a success.

"In home schooling you're isolated so you don't know how you compare to other students, but I've found that I've learned as much or more," he said.

Ann Allman, a counselor at Missouri

Southern, also believes home-schoolers do well academically in general.

"I think academically, home-schoolers will do better as a group," she said. "However, I think socially there will be isolated social issues because they are so far advanced academically."

Moss does not believe his social skills have suffered, although he does believe his skills have developed in a different manner than most.

"When you go to a public school, you learn your social skills from your peers," he said. "When you're home schooled you learn your social skills from adults."

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Company moves to Joplin with promise of jobs

Operations starting in January

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Imagine getting paid for talking on the phone. It sounds too good to be true, but a new company moving to Joplin will be looking for people to do just that, and it's focusing on Missouri Southern students.

Irving, Texas-based ATC Communications Group recently announced its decision to begin a branch operation in Joplin. It will immediately lease almost half of the former Sears building.

The company will employ more than 400 people when it begins operations in January. Wages will start at around \$7 per hour, with average pay in the \$9 per hour range.

ATC performs customer service operations for a number of major national corporations, including AT&T, Western Union, American Express, and United Parcel Service. Approximately 70 percent of the company's service involves in-bound "800" calls from customers of these and other companies. The remainder of ATC's customer service is in out-bound calls to customers of client companies.

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STRATEGIC ISSUES

PLANNING THE FUTURE

The College's Strategic Issues Committee has finished their second draft of a plan which should carry Missouri Southern into the 21st century. The following is a list of the issues tackled.

STUDENT SATISFACTION AND NEEDS

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J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

Committee finishes up year of research, meetings

By TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After a year of research and meetings, the strategic issues committee is bringing things to a close.

"The last time we met we went over the second draft and wrapped things up," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president and chairman of the committee. "All it needs is a few finishing touches."

One of the major components of the process was to develop specific strategic issues. The process was lengthy, going

through open discussions, individual presentations, sub-committee development, and finally being discussed by the 17 appointed members of the committee.

The sub-committees focused on demographic, political, technological, and social issues, with representation from all over the campus.

"Primarily, our goal was to lead Missouri Southern to the strategic issues we will face in the 21st century," Tiede said.

The committee decided on six issues for Southern to focus on. First, the entire campus community should focus on student sat-

isfaction and needs. Second, the primary focus should be on teaching and learning. Third, the College needs to ensure that it has a high quality curriculum that meets the needs of students and their employers. Fourth, as an institution, Southern must become more marketing-oriented. Fifth, Southern needs to fully implement and take advantage of the distinctiveness of its international mission.

And finally, recognizing scarce resources and increased demands for accountability, the College needs to continue to stress efficiency of operation while recognizing

increased selectivity may be necessary in certain initiatives.

"I think the most important part was the process," said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research and a member of the committee. "Everyone on campus had the opportunity to be a part of it. For the first time in several years we examined the entire institution."

Since it was appointed by College President Julio Leon, the committee has met approximately twice a month. Toward the end of the project, meetings were held weekly, according to Tiede. □

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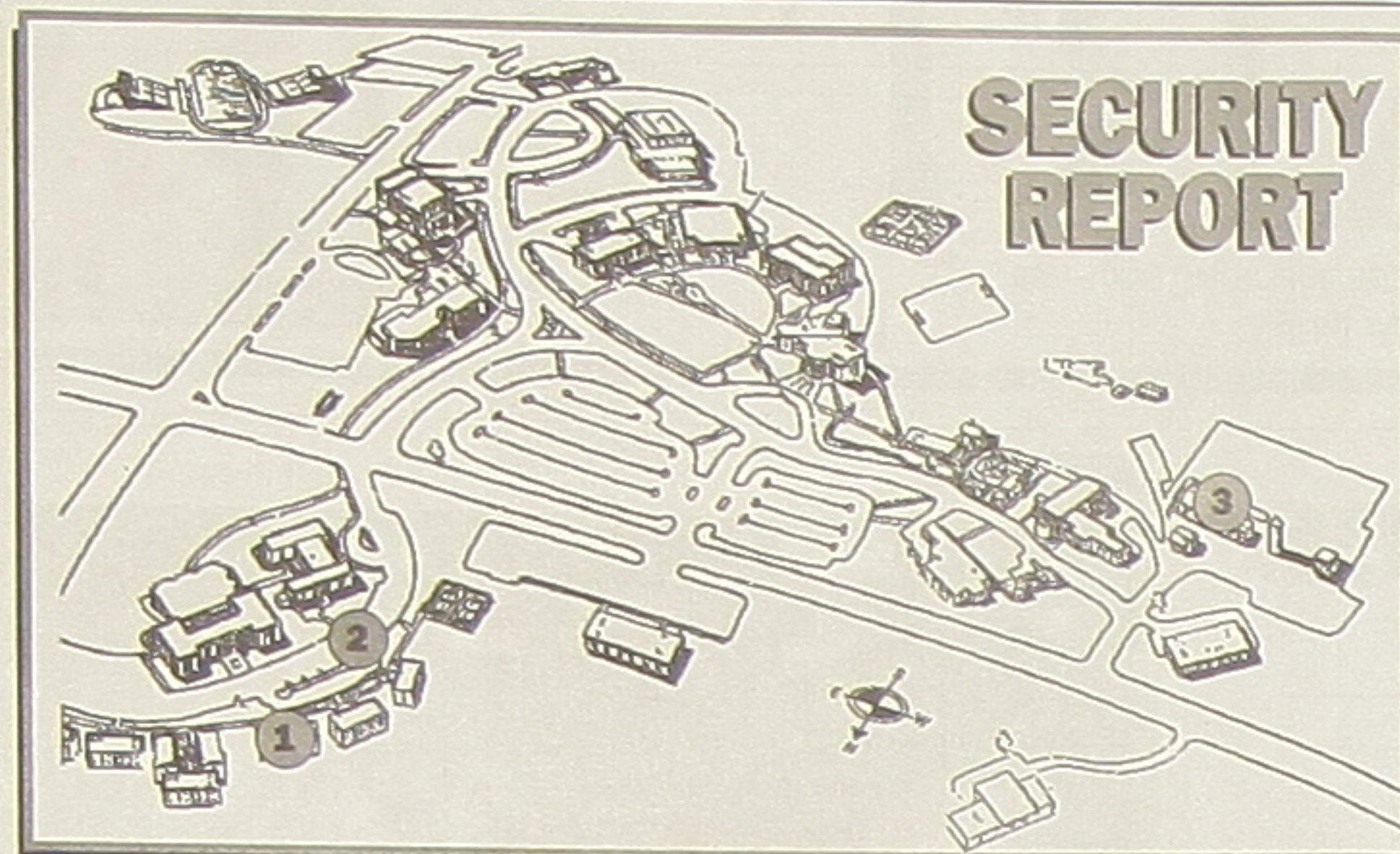
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SECURITY REPORT

- 1 10/06/97 Dishman Hall 7:30 a.m. Crissy Richman, freshman undecided major, reported that seven \$100 bills were stolen from her desk in her apartment. She said the money was hidden under some books and only she knew where it was located. She was advised to report the incident to the Joplin Police Dept.
- 2 10/05/97 Lot 23 12:15 a.m. Cami Vigneaux, junior, mass communications major, reported that her 1990 Honda Accord was damaged in an accident at the dorms. She was hit by Shanna Lynch, sophomore, secondary education major. Ms. Lynch said she was driving west on the main drive at the dorms, she looked down and when she looked back up, Ms. Vigneaux was backing out of a parking spot. Ms. Lynch's vehicle was also damaged.
- 3 10/06/97 Parking Garage 8:30 a.m. Jack Coose, MSSC Grounds Crew, reported that while backing bus 36 inside the garage, he damaged the front, top, right side of the bus by striking the mezzanine leaving a crease on the bus.

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STUDENT SENATE

Body questions use of funds by clubs

Representatives from local charity offer presentation

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Debate returned to the Missouri Southern Student Senate floor Wednesday, with the force of a blitzkrieg. However, three campus clubs seeking allocation funding found themselves in line to absorb the impact.

The Kinesiology, Social Science, and Geography Clubs all requested funds and were met with stern questioning before the Senate's weekly business meeting.

Such debate was absent at the Senate's previous business meeting.

Doug Carnahan, dean of stu-

dents and Senate adviser, attributed the surge in debate to increased Senate experience, but added that *The Chart's* Senate coverage last week "got their attention."

"The discussion was more fluent," Carnahan said. "I think the senators are starting to feel more comfortable with what's going on."

All three groups received funding, but after the dust had settled, the allocations were less than what was requested.

E. C. Anderson, a member of the Geography Club, said he was warned ahead of time that his group's request might meet "stiffer debate" than last week's requests.

"It was a tough night," he said. "Our treasurer was not able to make it, so I was flying blind. This was the wrong night to do it. Fortunately, I had some people in there willing to stand up for me."

The Geography Club had

requested \$251 for two trips, but since one of the trips was to take place next semester, \$130 was allocated.

The Social Science Club requested \$1,000 and was allocated \$850, while the Kinesiology Club received its full allocation request of \$1,000.

Carnahan said that inexperience among new senators was to blame for much of the debate revolving around the "nuts and bolts" of funding allocations traditionally handled by the Senate's finance committee.

"New senators just aren't familiar with the fact that the finance committee does do a lot of the leg work on the exact amounts of money the groups request," he said. "There is a tendency, at the beginning of the year, to want to rehash everything that's already been discussed in the finance committee meeting."

Representatives from the Ronald

McDonald Charities of the Four States were also on hand to give a presentation concerning Joplin's Ronald McDonald House.

Mike Jennings, president of Ronald McDonald Charities of the Four States, cited Southern's diverse student body as reason for the visit.

"We felt it was natural to visit Southern because of the demographics involved," Jennings said. "The College serves a very broad range of the community, and those are the very people that will be coming into Joplin to stay at the Ronald McDonald House."

Teresa Aggus, Ronald McDonald House administrator, also suggested the Senate's sudden energy might prove advantageous to the charity organization.

"They are at an enthusiastic age where they can get out there and help families that are experiencing a crisis." □

STUDENT SENATE COFFERS

OCTOBER 10 REQUEST

■ Kinesiology Club —

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$1,000

■ Social Science Club —

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$850.00

■ Geography Club —

Request: \$252.00

Received: \$130.00

CURRENT BALANCE

\$7,260.00

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Newsmakers to focus on "benefit security cards"

New "benefit security cards" being used by the Division of Family Services are the focus of an upcoming edition of "Newsmakers," a public affairs program produced by Missouri Southern Television KGCS.

Sharon Denney, a supervisor with the DFS, will discuss the card system with host Judy Stiles. The cards are patterned after credit cards, and will replace food stamps for families receiving temporary assistance.

The program may be seen at 8 p.m. Wednesday on KGCS cable Channel 7 in Joplin and Webb City, and UHF Channel 57; at 6:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, on KOAM-TV; and at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, on public television station KOZI, Channel 26. □

College, Junior College to hold class reunions

The Joplin Junior College Class of 1947 and the Missouri Southern Class of 1967 will hold class reunions Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1.

Members of the "War Years" classes are invited to participate. The reunions are scheduled in conjunction with Southern Homecoming activities Oct. 27 to Nov. 1.

This year's Homecoming theme is "Southern Celebrates 60," in recognition of the institution's 60th anniversary. The reunions will include campus tours, dinners, dances, and other activities.

Information about the reunions is available by contacting the Southern Alumni Affairs office at 625-9355. □

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Process for spring graduation in full swing

Students planning on graduating in May 1998 need to start thinking about it now. The process begins at career services, located in Billingsly Student Center, Room 207. With form in hand from career services, the next step is picking up a graduation application at the registrar's office, in Hearnes Hall Room 100. The application then needs to be delivered to the student's major adviser. The completed application then must be returned to the registrar's office. The deadline for application is Oct. 24. □

Human resources affiliates with SHRM

The Missouri Southern Student Coalition Against Child Abuse is interested in people who want to learn more about how to help educate people on child abuse issues.

The club holds meetings three times monthly, the first Monday and third Thursday at 2:30 p.m., room 223. The day meetings are held on the second floor.

A new evening meeting has been added to the club's schedule on the last Monday of each month.

The group will meet in Billingsly Student Center, room 311 at 5:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in more information should call Dr. Richard Miller, faculty advisor, at 625-9565. □

NOTES 'N NATURE



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Michael O'Neill, Baxter Springs, takes time Tuesday to play his flute and enjoy the spring-like weather while waiting for his car to be repaired. O'Neill did not have to go far from the auto shop, his car was at the Sears auto center outside Northpark Mall; he chose his spot across the street from the store. Tuesday's weather hung near the mid-70s most of the afternoon.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Placement changes begin

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It was a small change, but the effect has been huge. Beginning with the 1996-97 Missouri Southern catalog, students are placed in English composition classes based on the results of a writing placement test rather than ACT scores.

Students enrolled in Fresh Start are now required to write an essay in 45 minutes. A team of instructors evaluates the essays and places students in either English 80, 101, 102, or 111.

Four instructors evaluate the essays: Dr. Dale Simpson and Dr. Jimmy Couch, professors of English; Dr. James Brown, associate professor of English; and Deborah Newby, English graduate school student.

"We actually began doing writing tests in December of '91, but they were only used as an assessment tool," said Simpson, director of writing assessment. "We made recommendations for placement, but they were only recommendations."

Simpson said he believes the writing test provides a more accurate assessment of a student's writing ability.

"The ACT is a multiple choice test whereby students answer questions about a written piece, but it is not a writing sample," he said. "In the writing test, we look for a sense of structure, the ability to develop an idea, and to some extent, the number of errors."

Brown agrees that the writing test provides a more accurate placement tool.

"During the years that we used the writing test for recommending placement, we tracked students and found that the students who used the writing placement recommendation were more successful in terms of grades and retention," he said. "It was a statistically significant difference."

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Students embark on final journey in pursuit of dreams

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Today, 50 Missouri Southern education majors will begin a new life: one lived on both sides of the desk.

"It's going to be hard because we have to do a whole day of teaching and then go home and write some papers of our own," said Thom Fox, senior secondary education major. "It's tough to put a whole semester into six weeks, then crash into student teaching."

"It's a full-time job, so we have to find a way to get by financially and get our work done. We take on the duties of our cooperating teacher, and for me, my teacher is a cheer-

leading sponsor, too, so that will be very interesting."

One of the final projects for education majors is student teaching. They are sent to schools within a 60-mile radius of the College to classrooms in their respective fields of study.

A minimum of 50 days as a student teacher is required by the state of Missouri.

Dr. Cameron Pulliam, associate professor of education and director of clinical and field experiences, said Southern's teacher-education program is one of the most demanding in the state. Students are required to score a 20 or better on the ACT, pass the C-BASE exam,

get recommendations from faculty outside the teacher-education program, turn in an autobiography, show oral communication competency, maintain a 2.75 cumulative grade-point-average, and receive no grade below a C in their major.

"Our program is tougher than most schools in the state," Pulliam said. "We have the seventh largest program out of 35 in the state. We have a pretty significant program in Missouri. We have 50 student-teachers this semester, and we will have between 75-80 in the spring."

Pulliam said the toughest parts of the experience for the students is learning classroom manage-

"It's going to be hard because we have to do a whole day of teaching and then go home and write some papers of our own."

Thom Fox
Senior secondary education

ment and how to build teacher-parent relationships.

"Every district has a discipline plan, but it is tough to learn each system and get involved in it," he

said. "They also get frustrated if parents are not supportive of the child's education. Some parents

TURN TO JOURNEY, PAGE 11

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department opts to create own yearbook for its members

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A major controversy on campus has been resolved, at least in one department. Students from the social science department have taken the initiative to produce their own yearbook.

Last fall the Student Senate ques-

tioned whether student fees would be better invested in a yearbook rather than *Crossroads: The Magazine*; however, no changes were made.

"This is not intended to be a statement of any kind, but certainly all that is in the background," said Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology. "It's just something the stu-

dents wanted to do."

Katherine Ray, senior sociology and criminal justice major, is heading up the project, which will include all majors and minors in the social science department who want to participate.

"I couldn't believe we didn't have a yearbook," she said. "I feel like I've accomplished a lot in my years

here, and I wanted something to look back on and remind me of my friends and experiences here."

Ray said the \$10 charge for the book will not cover production expenses. The rest will be subsidized by advertising.

"We have some really neat professionals who are willing to help us and are guiding us through it," Ray

said. "It isn't something we're slapping together."

Ray and her assistant editor, Pat Caughron, senior criminal justice major with a sociology minor, are working with Herff-Jones Inc. to produce the book.

"The company offers an optional insert that includes world events

TURN TO YEARBOOK, PAGE 11

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Halloween fun means more than goodies

Outside my neighbor's door hangs a string of orange lights.

A foam pumpkin sits, grinning evilly, at the edge of the porch, and on the brick wall behind Sonny's chair hangs a five-foot plastic print of a witch stirring a kettle that reads "Welcome Trick or Treaters."

The grocery store has a spook tunnel, of sorts, built by stacking row after row of Pepsi 12-packs covered

with orange and black crepe paper and decorated with skeletons, ghosts, pumpkins, and Halloween masks.

All this is cool, but I can't figure out why one of the houses on the next street has



Kevin Coleman
Associate Editor

three garbage bags with pictures of Batman and Robin hanging from a big tree in the front yard.

I guess it's getting close to Halloween, and I'm not ready.

There are some important things to do to prepare for this, the unholiday. First, I have to dig my chainsaw out of the garage and sharpen the blade. There were just too many trick-or-treaters last year, although it did leave me with an ample supply of skeletons to decorate the porch with.

Then, I have to buy a new hockey mask.

The chainsaw was almost as hard on it as on the poor little devil (her angel costume didn't fool me for a minute) who ripped it off my face.

As much fun as trick or treating is, there are neighborhoods where a man has to keep the noise down. That's where the trusty old ax comes in handy. It's also somewhat lighter to carry than the chainsaw, and the results are nearly the same.

Or maybe this would be a good time to buy a new costume. I'm getting tired of going as an ax murderer every year.

The Grim Reaper would be good. That would give me a chance to get some practice with a scythe. That might actually work better than the ax. I could start a whole new tradition.

Isn't Halloween fun?

What other night can a guy go out and commit murder and mayhem and wanton acts of random vandalism and have a legitimate excuse?

Egging houses, smashing pumpkins, and burning outbuildings are totally acceptable for this one night out of the whole year.

It's the only time, other than the Fourth of July, I can let the pyromaniac inside of me come out to play.

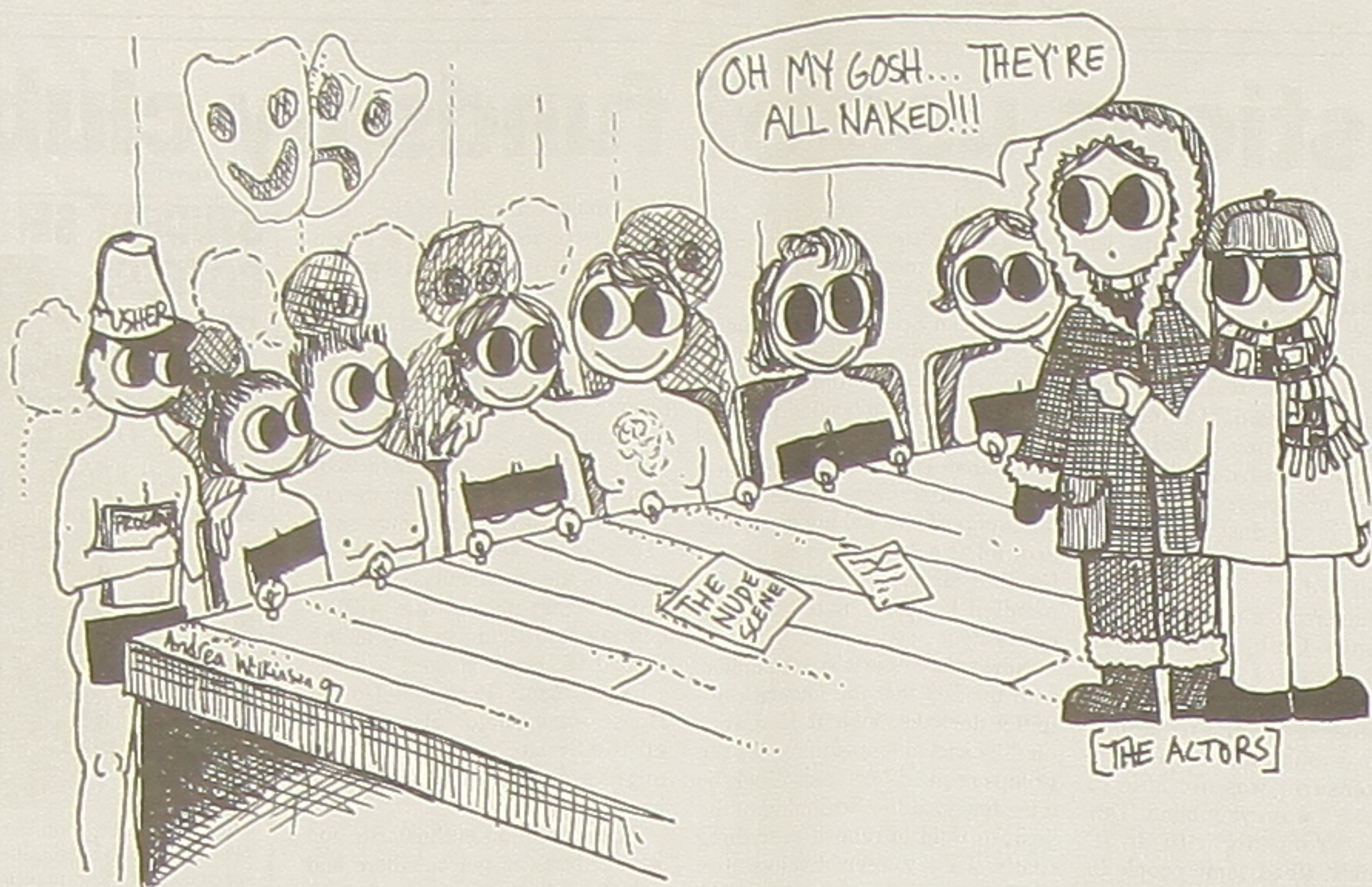
I know there'll be plenty of parties going on, and with all the ghouls and goblins and other weirdos out that night, nobody's going to notice me carrying a few dead bodies around.

I would like to meet the guy who came up with the idea of this holiday so I could tell him thanks. I bet he never realized how popular and socially acceptable a holiday for psychotics and cadavers would come to be.

There's just something about things that are supposed to look like the inside of a human body that screams commercialism.

But even with all the fun we'll all be having on Halloween night, none of it would be worth all the process of preparing for it without the candy. I hope the kids this year hit up a lot of people with plenty of money before they come to my house.

The things some of us will do just to fill our candy buckets. ☐



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Naked truth about thespians

First of all, there needs to be a serious look taken at Southern Theatre's ratings system. If a play is given an "M" rating for mature audiences, this shouldn't include everybody over the age of 12.

That is what the classic *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* is being rated. A drama that the director even calls "all about sex." No 12-year-old should see that.

However, after buckling to fear, Southern Theatre has decided to take some of the spice away from the 200-year-old play by dressing actors for a nude scene.

Its decision reflects the blandness of a department that should revel in its freedom. This was an internal decision made by scared people. They decided audiences in this city

were too close-minded to get over fewer than five minutes of nudity on the stage.

It was certainly not the writer's intention to have actors clothed for these scenes, otherwise he would have written the parts with clothes. To say that the integrity of the play has not been compromised is laughable. The entire department's integrity has been compromised.

It is unbelievable to think that in this day and age, it is the so-called thespians who are afraid to break new ground.

In true theater form, the irony runs thick through this sordid tale. A play given a rating so anyone over the age of 12 could see it, and a department which treats its audience as if they are too young to understand. ☐

YOUR LETTERS

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Library workers behind success of students

This letter is in response to the "Don't stop at renovation" editorial in the Oct. 3 issue of *The Chart*. Last week *The Chart* commentary focused on the long-awaited renovation of the Spiva Library. The Coordinating Board for Higher Education finally has recommended the improvements that Spiva Library needs so desperately. Years of waiting may finally pay off.

As the veteran student staff member at Spiva Library (this is my fifth year, longer than any other student staff member in the library), I have long been an advocate of improvements for the library first over other projects. Also, during my two years on the Student Senate, I was the Senate representative to the Library Committee. Therefore, I have not only been employed at the library, I have also been able to be part of decisions regarding the future of it. I was very disappointed last year when our "Education" Governor Mel Carnahan vetoed the bill that would have funded the improvements of the library. (I won't go any further into that — that commentary is best reserved for Gary Crites the College Republican president. This is Gary Crites the library employee talking now.) *The Chart's* initial commentary offered excellent analysis on the library and its improvement needs. There are a lot of old books. A lot of the computers are slow and old, and don't have a lot of power backing them. There are indeed a lot of physical materials that need to be fixed.

Then, after such excellent intellectual analysis, the editorial suddenly nose dived into an unlogical, wild opinion of a staff member suddenly overcome by visions of their kindergarten days in their elementary school library. The staff member saw all 5 FEET of romance novels throughout the entire library. He/she saw the librarian helping little Johnny understand what the card in the card catalog said and thought he/she needed reference

librarian Bob Black to do the same thing for him. In other words, the editorial went from understandable analysis about the library to unfair, absurd criticisms about the faculty, staff, and student workers of Spiva Library. Why? Because *The Chart* staff member couldn't sit five minutes at a computer and figure out things for him/herself.

As a Spiva Library employee, I can tell you that no group of people work together better and accomplish more goals than the faculty, staff, and student employees of the library. Yes, there are a lot of physical problems with the library. The LION terminals look like they're out of the 1960s. The computers run slow. The books are old and spread out.

However, through all of this, successful research is done, papers and projects are completed, and students at MSSC are successful and achieve a higher average GPA than most schools in the United States. Not to mention that student satisfaction is higher than the national average.

Now, how could a library that *The Chart* makes sound like an elementary school library assist in such student success?

The answer is simple: The faculty, staff, and student employees. Faculty members who come to the library every day ready not only to help students, but to also learn themselves. Library science is also a fast-paced technology and a growing profession, and the librarians work hard every day to keep up so they can provide the best service possible.

Staff members who run the desks, assist students with the computers, and do the internal work necessary to keep things flowing, most working at bargain-basement wages for the level of work that they do.

Student workers who spend 10-20 hours working, not studying at the library, some just trying to make ends meet. Students checking books in and out, assisting other students, and in a way helping other students

feel that they are not the only ones that have to read volumes of articles in order to successfully complete their class work.

The faculty, staff, and student employees of the library. The same people that *The Chart* last week basically said "needed to be updated" and "needed to be trained."

It is my contention that no staff is more helpful and understanding to students than the library staff. Sometimes there perhaps should be a few more workers, however, often times the available workers are off answering non-sense questions that students should have learned in College Orientation. This is not to say that the library staff doesn't try to help everyone. I'm just inferring that sometimes students like *The Chart* staff member should try a little harder to learn how things work. The LION terminals may be old, but it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out how to use them.

As the anticipation of the library improvements near, it is important to keep focus on the aspect of the library that consistently improves without the need of money or restructuring. That is the staff of Spiva Library. Instead of criticizing them, *The Chart* should be thanking them for providing as good a service to students as they do considering the poor physical resources available. And next time, *The Chart* needs to use their editorials to focus on the needs of MSSC instead of flying accusations against people on the same team as they are.

It doesn't matter if we build a Harvard-size library here. What matters is the people inside the library making it work, and as students we owe a lot to our librarians and staff people for making an unpopular library contribute to the success of MSSC and blank space in *The Chart*.

Gary Crites
Senior political science major

IN PERSPECTIVE

Reflections of an era soon to be long gone

One of the benefits of having four decades of experience is that you can reflect on the changes you have seen in your lifetime. I remember when Randy Kaiser would selectively invite his classmates from grade school to see the first color TV in the neighborhood. He watched so much TV his TV tubes burned out. I would talk to my friends about it on the party line phone in my home. This was a system where more than one household would have access to the limited number of phone lines. I would lie in bed at night and listen to WLS out of Chicago on my new technology AM-only Sony pocket transistor radio. I would then buy the 33-rpm LPs of my favorite rock group to play on my mono (non-stereo) record player.

I would like to make it clear that I am not old, just mature, but as with any life line, the world changes. We are currently on the cusp of major technological change, considerably greater than the movement from black and white TV to color. By the beginning of the next century (three years away) televisions will be digital high definition with high bandwidth access to the Internet. You will be able to do your shopping from your TV, and commercials will be directly targeted to you from information stored in databases about you and your shopping behavior. These changes will be so dramatic it will be as if the TV and the telephone were invented just yesterday.

Your workplace will have telecommunications links to your home, and you will be able to work and conference with individuals around the world in real time. You will have the ability to create multimedia content that includes video editing, graphic design presentation, interactive communications, and database access. You will be constantly updating your skill through courses brought to you on-line from schools and universities from around the world. Rather than spending your time looking for information and doing routine tasks on your computer, you will assign these tasks to computer agents.

If you do not have a historical perspective, it is easy to assume that the world will stay relatively the same. You can wait until you have a few decades of experience and reflect on how the world has changed around you, or you can be an active participant in the future by training yourself now.

A recent *Business Week* article indicated that 40 percent of all new managerial and professional jobs created outside of health and education will be in high technology industries.

Most employers are looking for new hires who have technological skills, but this does not imply just computer programming. What is as important is the ability to apply technology to your chosen field. How will technology effect education, the medical field, science, art, business, or any other field?

Missouri Southern can help you prepare for your future. While all students are required to take a computer proficiency course, this is not enough. Positioning yourself to survive in this coming age requires a well-rounded individual with multiple skills and a willingness to work in a highly flexible environment. Learn to be creative, to communicate your ideas, to be entrepreneurial, and to compete.

In a few short years you will have four decades of experience. You will most likely reflect on how the world has changed in your lifetime. You will also be considering your own future, and I can't help but wonder what technological wonders you will be contemplating. ☐



Dr. Brad Kleindl
Assistant professor,
business

TEACHER EDUCATION

Students travel, learn English methods



MICHAEL RASKA/The Chart

Holli Spencer, Gretchen Ward, Kena Sneathern, and Grant Miller, senior education majors, went to England, over the summer, as part of their comparative education class. Sneathern and Miller are returning.

Seven prepare to experience cultural teaching differences

By MICHAEL RASKA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Experiencing a different culture while discovering new teaching methods are just some of the goals of seven Missouri Southern senior education students traveling to England next spring.

Grant Miller, Malia Turney, Kena Sneathern, Amy Smith, Dana Gunlock, Christy Patrick, and Tracy Getchell, all senior education majors, will travel to Southampton, England, as a part of their comparative education class, according to Dr. Vikki Spencer, associate professor of education.

"The purpose is to expose them to a different culture and different teaching methods so they can incorporate the knowledge later in their classrooms," Spencer said. "One student will be teaching secondary school, three [will teach] junior school for children ages 7-11, and three of our students will be teaching infant and primary school, which is for children ages 4-7."

The British education methods vary from American methods, according to Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of the school of education.

"The English are doing some things we can emulate into our system," he said.

"For example, I was impressed by the infant and junior approach. They use much more group activities and group workshops than we do."

Southern students will have also chance to share their best education practices and combine them with the British, Horvath said.

"It is an awesome opportunity to get to know a different country and at the same time fulfill our student teaching requirement," said Amy Smith, senior education major.

"Also, it is an outlook toward different teaching methods."

The program is partially funded by Missouri Southern's Institute of International Studies and partially by the students who are interested in the opportunity.

To be selected as a participant, a student must apply while a junior, have a minimum GPA of 3.25, write an essay, and go through an interview process, according to Spencer.

"I believe it takes a real sense of adventure, curiosity, and courage to go that far way," she said. "The

students are evaluated every week in a strange environment. It is a challenge."

Miller and Sneathern were part of a group that went to visit Southampton and other parts of Europe last spring.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to see how authentic assessment is fully implemented," Miller said. "We were able to study another cultures' education system, analyze it, and most of all experience it and put it into practice."

Spencer said the British are more than willing to share their methods with American teachers.

"We had interests from several schools," she said. "We spent some time with administration trying to fully match personalities."

"I want to see other children, what approaches are being used to teach them, and etc.," Gunlock said.

"I am interested how other teachers present information."

The educational opportunity will provide a much richer experience for the children in England and also for the students at Southern who will come back and present seminars and workshops, Horvath said.

"They will take the best of both educational systems and get their experience in teaching," he said. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Missouri Western hosts speech by Colin Powell

Gen. Colin Powell will speak at Missouri Western State College for the 1997 Convocation on Critical Issues at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30 in the fieldhouse of the Looney Physical Education Building.

Powell's speech will be titled, "The Management of Crisis and Change."

The fieldhouse will seat approximately 4,600 people. In addition, the presentation will be simulcast live to the Potter Fine Arts theatre and small gym, which will seat an additional 1,400 people.

Powell retired from the U.S. Army on Sept. 30, 1993. In 1995, he completed his memoirs, which were published by Random House in the book *My American Journey*. □

SMSU enrollment rises 0.6 percent this year

Official enrollment numbers for the fall 1997 semester at Southwest Missouri State University's Springfield campus show the first rise in total enrollment since 1990.

Total enrollment is 16,516, up by 100, or 0.6 percent over last year. Contributing to the overall increase is a marked rise in the enrollment of first-time freshmen, which at 2,782 is up by 275, or 11 percent over last year.

"We have an excellent freshman class this year," said Don Simpson, assistant vice president for enrollment services. "In addition to an increase in numbers, we have also seen an increase in quality."

Freshman enrollment in SMSU's Honors College is now 250 students, an increase of 100 over last year.

New graduate student enrollment is 526, up by 2.7 percent from last year. Total enrollment of graduate students is 2,205, up 6.9 percent over last year.

Out-of-state student enrollment is 913, a 12.6 percent increase. International student enrollment, at 425, has grown by 31 students, or 7.9 percent.

Enrollment at SMSU-West Plains has increased 14 percent, to 1,320. □

Program teaches poetry, fiction writing techniques

Central Missouri State University is offering a new 21-hour program leading to a minor in creative writing.

The program will guide students through the techniques of writing poetry and fiction as well as provide exposure to the elements of publication. The minor, offered through the department of English and philosophy, does not require specific prerequisites. The courses could be of interest not only to English majors, but also to students in other disciplines, according to David Smith, department chair.

"There are a lot of students who like to write," he said. "This minor will appeal to students who may have a commitment to another profession, but yet for personal reasons want to pursue formal training in writing techniques."

Rose Marie Kinder, coordinator of CMSU's creative writing program, said the creative writing minor is valuable to all fields, including science or technical professionals.

"The ability to think metaphorically or to use creative writing techniques to write for the lay reader is really invaluable," she said. "Students can have a bachelor of science degree and a creative writing minor."

Student writers at CMSU are encouraged to receive practical experience by becoming involved as writers or editors for *Pleiades*, published by the department of English and philosophy. The journal is open to submissions from any writer of poetry, translations, short fiction, essays, reviews, and notes. □

TESOL

New class growing due to area needs

By EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

Imagine the job of a school teacher having to instruct students who do not speak English.

The classrooms are changing in that direction. The number of students with limited proficiency in English increased 16 percent in Missouri schools in 1995. The increase was more dramatic in the southwest Missouri counties.

Monett R-1 showed a 28 percent increase, Carthage R-IX a 32 percent increase, and McDonald County R-1 a 225 percent increase.

Missouri Southern offers the first undergraduate program in the state designed exclusively for training in-service and preservice teachers. The Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) certification can be completed in four semesters.

"The idea came from some of the professors from the English department who work with the public schools," said Dr. Rosa Fagundes, assistant professor of teacher education. "They saw the need for the required background work, and together with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) created the ESL (English as a Second Language) endorsement."

The program begins with a course in linguistics in the English

department. Other classes are in theories of language learning and methods for teaching a second language. A summer course in material development gives emphasis to materials used in the classroom and on testing and testing development. A total of 21 hours in course work is required — 15 hours in five required areas, an elective of three hours, and a practicum of three hours.

The program is in its second year and is expected to increase in number.

Ideally, all the schools will have one or two teachers who have the TESOL endorsement...

Dr. Rosa Fagundes
Assistant professor of teacher education

"Ideally, all the schools will have one or two teachers who have the TESOL endorsement so that they will be able to offer what the student needs to fulfill [their educational needs]," Fagundes said.

She said her students have found employment in the area they desired due to their extended training.

"It adds other dimensions in your life," she said. "because if you know you're going to be working with students who come from other countries, you may become interested in learning their language, that opens doors to you. [It offers] so many good opportunities." □

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Switching roles has students playing new, different tune

By SUSIE FRISBIE
STAFF WRITER

Switching to the role of teacher has some Missouri Southern students playing a different tune.

Many students in Southern's music department have decided to share their love of music by giving lessons.

"It's really rewarding to see my students not just recognize notes on a page, but also understand the concepts," said senior piano performance major Rebecca Wentworth.

Wentworth, who has been teaching lessons for ten years, does let herself get overwhelmed by the amount of work giving lessons requires.

"It takes a lot of time and sometimes it's hard to make time for my personal life, my studying, and my practicing," she said. "You just have to stay focused on what you're doing at that particular time."

Wentworth believes teaching lessons is not only beneficial to the student but also to herself.

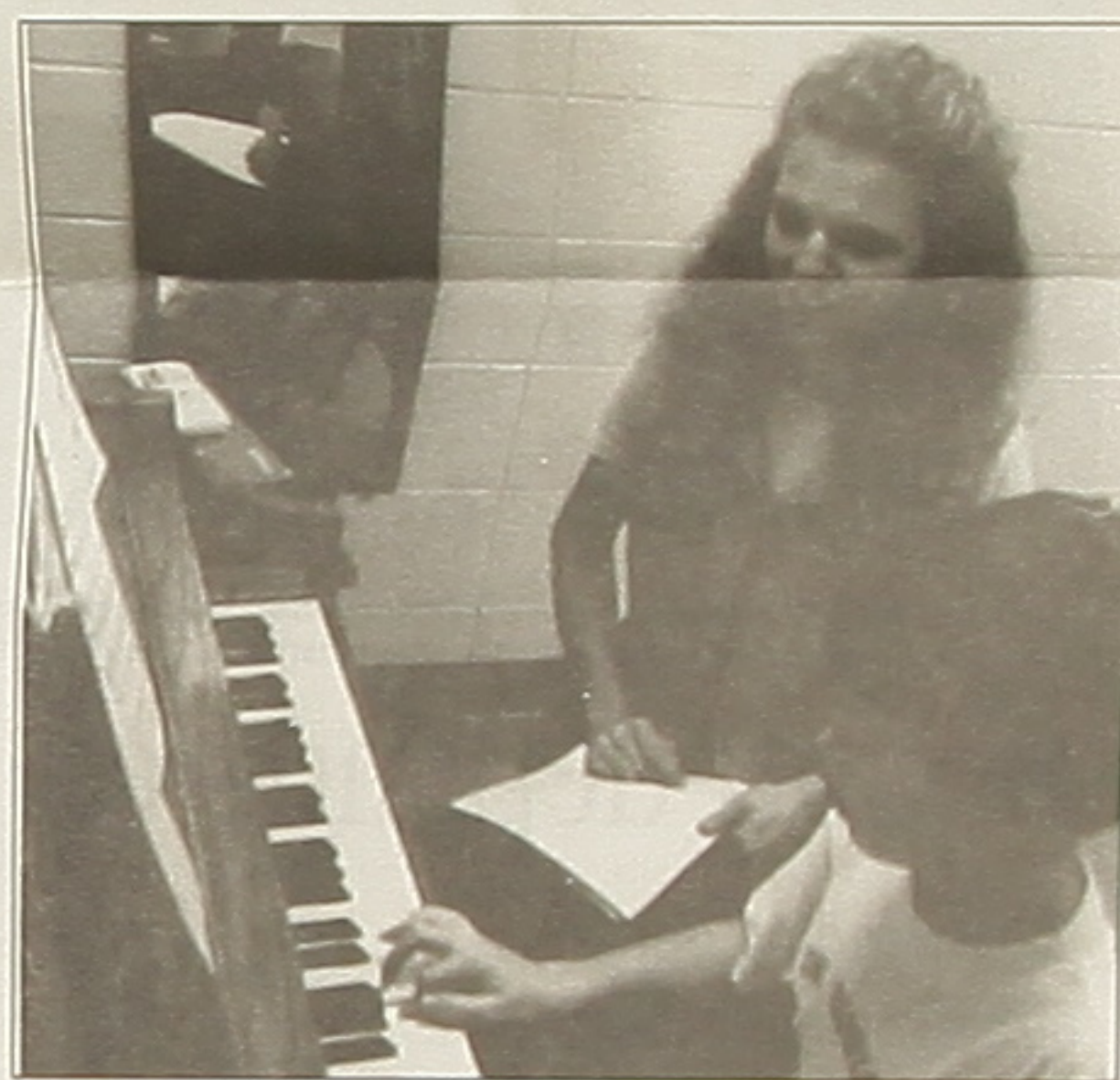
"Teaching allows me to solidify some concepts in my mind," she said.

Dr. Pete Havelly, head of the music department, agrees with Wentworth.

"Students teaching is certainly a good experience," he said. "It allows them to show their knowledge of their instrument, and it's good practice for them in teaching the training methods of the instrument."

Havelly also believes the students need to combine a good personality with a positive approach in order to be a successful teacher.

Wentworth believes a positive outlook by the teacher produces



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

Joanie Martin, senior music education major, gives piano lessons to nine-year-old David Havelly, Wednesday evening in Phinney Hall.

the attitude the student needs to succeed.

"Their personalities affect the way they play," she said.

"It's great when they learn a new concept and you see a light go on in their eyes."

Seeing that light, drives other student teachers as well.

"It's really rewarding to see a student accomplish a goal that was once out of their reach, knowing that you helped them accomplish that goal," said junior music performance major, Keith Talley.

Talley, who plays the saxophone, plans on eventually teaching at the college or university level. Until that time however, Talley plans to continue to shape the futures of other young musicians.

"Teaching lessons allows me to

lay the groundwork for my students' future," he said.

Wentworth plans on continuing to teach private lessons upon graduation, and also stay involved in church music.

But for now, Wentworth will continue to enjoy the unique opportunity of being not only a student but a teacher as well.

"Teaching lessons allows me to see both sides of the coin by being both a student and a teacher," she said.

Though his goals are firmly set in his mind, Talley believes the ability to produce music is something music and non-music majors alike should value.

"Music is something you can carry with you your whole life," he said. □

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Kansas conference presents chance for networking

By BETH HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Nov. 8, these psychology majors will attend a conference held by the Psychology Education Research of Kansas (PERK), where eight Missouri Southern students will do presentations.

Dr. Brian Babbitt, professor of psychology, heads the planning and preparation for the conference this semester.

"We are the only undergraduate school in this area that goes, so we have the largest number of undergraduate students that go," he said.

Sandy Fisk, junior psychology major, says visibility is a key factor that helps establish Southern's reputation at the conference.

"Missouri Southern is the biggest group there, and people know Southern for having a good psychology department and for having good research projects," she says.

Dr. Casey Cole, assistant professor of psychology, says there are two factors aiding the students who choose to participate.

"We have a number of courses here in which the students are able to conduct their own research so they have material to present," he said.

The students first must send an abstract.

If approved, a time is scheduled for their presentation.

The second factor is the

Psychology Club, which is a grapevine of information for the students.

"The psychology students form a social network that goes beyond school," Cole explains.

Rachel Rowland, senior psychology major, will give her first presentation at the conference. She says the process at the conference consists of students and instructors discussing or presenting posters of their research.

Fisk is presenting a poster board

of her research for the first time.

"It's a nice way to break into presenting research before you have to do your senior thesis," she said.

Southern students will attend three conferences this year, and typically have done well, even receiving awards.

Cole is excited about Southern's attendance as a whole.

"It is very good PR for the department," he says.

"And we've typically had an outstanding showing" □

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Today 10

Volleyball at Texas Woman's University Tournament

Saturday 11

Volleyball at Texas Woman's University Tournament
• Cross Country at Pittsburg State University Invitational
1 p.m.—Soccer vs. Truman State University

Sunday 12

7 p.m.—Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement
• Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 13

7 p.m.—Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

Tuesday 14

CAB Movie Night, Hollywood Theatres, one show free with I.D.
Noon—Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313
12:15 p.m.—Non-traditional student brown bag lunch, Heames Hall, Room 211
• NOW meeting, Webster Hall, Room 204
12:20 p.m.—College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311
4:00 p.m.—Soccer vs. Southwest Baptist University
7 p.m.—Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church
• Volleyball at Southwest Baptist University
7:30—International Film: "Judex," Matthews Auditorium

Wednesday 15

Homecoming Primary Elections
• Homecoming parade entry deadline
• Southern Theatre presents "Dangerous Liaisons"
Noon—Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123
• ODK Graduate School Panel Discussion, BSC, Room 314
9 p.m.—Wesley Foundation Midweek Worship

Thursday 16

Homecoming Primary Elections
• Remembering China, Webster Auditorium
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
12:20 p.m.—Model UN meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223
2 p.m.—National Broadcasting Society, Webster Hall, MSTV Studio
2:30 p.m.—Missouri Southern Students Coalition Against Child Abuse, Webster Hall, Room 223
4:00 p.m.—Soccer vs. Ozark Christian College
6:30 p.m.—Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge
7 p.m.—Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room
• Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Local feminists unite under NOW banner

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Still in its formative stage, a group of Missouri Southern students is trying to bring a chapter of the National Organization for Women to the campus.

It has yet to be recognized by NOW, but meetings are being held and the motions are being carried out. Faculty adviser Dr. Ree Simpkins, assistant professor of sociology, is expecting chapter status by next semester.

So far just under 20-strong, the group recently adopted a plan to organize task forces to confront issues on campus and in the community NOW is involved with.

"There doesn't seem to be enough radicals," said co-founder Cheryl Gray, senior general studies major. "I wanted to meet other feminists."

Simpkins said the term radical has a different meaning in terms of feminism.

A radical feminist is more of an assertive, aggressive feminist who works for equality, rather than liberal feminists who talk about equality more than act on it.

"It is supporting the principles of equality for both sexes," Simpkins explained. "It's being in opposition to patriarchy and sexism."

Marlos Faneu was the other co-founder, but has since dropped from Southern and left the state because of a family emergency.

At Tuesday's meeting, 12 members showed up to discuss what was going to happen now the ball was starting to roll.

A suggestion was made to comprise task forces to tackle some of the issues NOW stands for. A list of eight was narrowed down to five.

Among the task forces are gay and lesbian rights, domestic and other violence, reproductive freedoms, racism opposition, and economic and social equality. Some task force ideas were tossed out.

"This may sound more conservative than you're used to coming out of my mouth," Simpkins said during the meeting, "but I really don't think we should be offending people right now."

Both realize the views of NOW differ from many in the region, but they say the message needs to be sent.

"My guess is there is really strong support nationally and in pockets here in Joplin," Gray said.

Although the name tends to ward off many men, three males were present at Tuesday's meeting.

"It is open to everybody," Gray said. "The last chapter in Joplin had a man as president."

NOW meetings are held in Webster Hall Room 203 the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

"We've got 20 people interested with little or no advertising," Simpkins said. "We are anticipating a really strong and expanding base." □

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Cheryl Gray
Senior,
general studies

CHEERLEADING



TIM WILSON/The Chart

(From left to right) Ashley Lampe, freshman undecided major, Erica Kuhn, freshman pre-med major, and Cheryl McDaniel, junior accounting major, perform a stunt Tuesday afternoon. The cheerleading squad devotes much time to practice and conditioning.

Squad depends on uniformity, trust

Cheerleading demands athleticism, enthusiasm, cooperation, trust

By JEFF WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Jumping, yelling, and supporting the home team are the traditional roles of cheerleaders. Weight training, running, and conditioning are the routine of Missouri Southern cheerleaders.

Despite the football Lions' losses to Northwest Missouri State University and Pittsburg State University, the cheerleaders are optimistic that crowd enthusiasm will continue and they will maintain their workout schedule the rest of the season.

"This year the cheerleaders work out on physical conditioning three days a week other than practice," said Cindy Wolfe, squad adviser. "They are trying to get into better shape because they want to do more difficult stunts this year. They have to be in good shape; [at games] they are out there three or four hours."

The cheerleaders started their year at the Universal Cheerleading Association camp and competition held at Central Missouri State University July 31 to Aug. 3.

"The camp prepares us for the school year," said Stephanie Jones, junior early childhood education major. "We learn how to be in front of a crowd and work on squad uniformity."

Uniformity and trust of other squad members is important when performing stunts. The young Southern squad used the camp to get to know each other.

"We probably had more fun than practice," said Marcie Ward, squad co-captain and senior elementary education major. "We really had a bonding time."

The squad spent the days at camp practicing with an instructor and the evenings competing. The squad's cheers, chants, and fight song routines were evaluated.

"We hadn't had much practice together, so we struggled a little," Jones said.

Although they did not capture a ranking, the cheerleaders secured superior ratings in all categories.

"Since we had six new members that had never performed on the college level before, I thought they did an excellent job," Wolfe said.

The event was the only competition the team attends.

"The camp was the main reason we were there," Wolfe said. "The competition aspect gives you something to shoot for."

"Camp is where we learn all of our mate-

rial," said Adam Hames, co-captain and senior accounting major. "So we'll have new material to show the crowd."

The fans have been ready for the first two home football games, and the cheerleaders hope that the good attendance continues.

"I think at the first game fans were excited for the whole season," said Amy King, freshman dental hygiene major. "Now that we've played Pitt State, I hope it doesn't go downhill the rest of the season."

"I hope we can keep it up the rest of the season," Jones said.

The crowds were energized when Southern fans came out of the stands and unfurled the green and gold banner. A few daring students carried the flag to the visitors' side.

"I think it was awesome," Jones said, "it showed school spirit, it was fun."

The practice can be dangerous.

"When they go around the stadium, you don't know how the other side is going to respond," Wolfe said. "I think it gets the crowd a little bit involved with the students so that as long as they are careful with it and they don't injure themselves or anybody else, I think it is kind of neat."

The cheerleaders will hold a cheerleading clinic for elementary school students on Oct. 18. They will be evaluating junior high and high school squads. □

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Students ponder life's deeper issues

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In defiance of Bud Dry's tired creed "Why ask why?," Missouri Southern's Philosophy Club has elected to forego the cold one and just ask the question.

Since its inception 10 years ago, the Philosophy Club has been asking questions about humanity, and while universal answers may be elusive, a steady stream of truth-seeking members has not been.

Dr. Barry Brown, associate professor of philosophy and adviser to the club, believes the casual atmosphere and approach to club meetings is part of the organization's recent success in attracting interested participants.

"[The Philosophy Club offers] an informal setting to have discussions on philosophical issues that are focused instead of jumping from one topic to another," he said. "It's a place to meet other people who are interested in the same sort of issues."

The club meets once a month at the Java House, usually featuring a guest speaker. Past speakers have included Dr. Robert Markman, associate professor of history at Southern, and Dr. William Tannenbaum, assistant professor of history at the College. Next semester, the group plans to bring in speakers from other universities.

Brown justifies the expense involved in such a venture by reinforcing the importance of philosophy in interpreting humanity's meaning.

"Philosophical issues are the questions that everyone wrestles with," he said. "Philosophical beliefs are involved in almost every aspect of a person's life."

"If you don't wonder about humanity and its place in the universe, then your brain is not functioning properly."

Marshall Poole, junior English major and president of the Philosophy Club, says although answers to such questions are difficult to come by, the Philosophy Club provides a more methodical manner of investigation.

"For me, one of the most fun things about life is asking the hard questions about it," he said. "Philosophy gives me a structure to base these questions on."

"If you have a question about a philosophical issue, and you don't have a structure to base your [ideas] on, your thoughts are going to be sporadic. You're not going to have a basis to build off of."

Although answering many of the questions asked at meetings may represent a challenge, gaining access to the club does not pose such a challenge.

"Our meetings are open to anyone. If you want to be a member, you're a member," Brown said. "You don't have to go through a hazing like the Greek groups." □

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Traditional Homecoming displays nixed to promote floats

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

Homecoming just won't be the same this year; something is missing.

The traditional plywood art works that previously decorated the campus have been eliminated from the activities this year.

"We want the students to concentrate on the floats, because this is the College's 60th birthday," said

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "Dr. Leon said 'We want to paint the town green.' He really wants the parade to be spectacular."

Carlisle said that eliminating the displays provided extra money to give toward the floats.

"Last year we reimbursed \$100 for displays and \$100 for floats," she said. "This year we are reimbursing \$200 for floats."

Prize incentives for best float

have also increased. Grand prize this year was bumped from \$100 to \$500. Second prize is \$250 and third is \$150.

"I've also added more television and radio advertising," Carlisle said. "These changes are just for this year."

According to Val Christensen, assistant professor of art and coordinator of the Spiva Art Gallery, lack of both time and student participation accounted for previous

indifference toward the displays.

"It is a tremendously time-consuming activity, and being involved with organizations requires a response from all members," Christensen said. "Otherwise, it winds up that ultimately just one or two people get stuck with all the responsibility."

"I don't think the displays from last year drew that much attention," he said. "Several displays had problems with stability. They

kept falling down, and some only looked good from one side."

Homecoming organizers hope to have large mechanical floats this year.

"Last year, the floats were a little plain," Christensen said. "We live in a society where you have to deal with the image of the Rose Bowl parade, for example, and you just get so caught up in the cost of materials and the mechanics of doing that," he said. □

SOUTHERN THEATRE

Play controversy stirs before curtain call

Public backlash fear causes alterations

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For Debbie Burbridge, student director of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, danger is the operative word.

The play, which opens at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Taylor Performing Arts Center, has an "M" rating for mature audiences, which includes children over the age of 12. It includes two scenes that call for nudity.

"This is a story about destructive passion," Burbridge said. "It's about sex."

Originally, Burbridge had planned to tone down the nudity by clothing the actresses in flesh-colored bikinis to achieve a semblance of nudity, but when a *Chart* reporter quizzed her about the nudity for a preview story, she

began to fear the repercussions.

"There are only two scenes that have nudity, and I tried very hard to present it in a tasteful manner, but I do not want less than five minutes of the show to overshadow the other two hours," she said.

Burbridge met with all the theatre faculty after the interview with *The Chart* reporter and sought advice on how to handle the nudity issue.

"We talked about this when I first selected this play, and we thought it could be done carefully enough, but now I'm not sure," she said.

"I have to remember that this is an educational facility, and maybe we're not ready for this. I don't want to do anything that would jeopardize our reputation in the community or cause a problem for the theatre department."

Burbridge said the unanimous opinion of the theatre faculty was that she should make the decision and they would support her.

She made the decision to eliminate even the semblance of nudity

by having the actresses wear corsets, but she has mixed feelings about the decision.

"I think it can be done without losing the playwright's intent, but it does change it," she said. "The audience might not know the difference, but I will know."

Dr. Patricia Kluthe, associate professor of theatre, understands the dilemma Burbridge faces.

"The majority of our audience comes from the Theatre Appreciation classes, which is an unschooled audience," she said. "This show requires a mature theatre audience, as the rating suggests."

Burbridge believes the play, which is based on the classic novel by the same name, has an important message.

"I hope the audience will appreciate it for the piece of art that it is and that they will leave with the message that if you allow your heart to harden and never let love in, you're doomed." □



Matt Morris and Shannan Alley, senior theatre majors, spend time rehearsing for the upcoming production "Les Liaisons Dangereuses."

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April 14—Torment

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SPIVA CENTER FOR THE ARTS



Spiva Center for the Arts is exhibiting a collection of fine arts and antiques from the private collections of area citizens.

Private collectors provide art exhibit

By JEFF BILLINGTON
STAFF WRITER

An original sketch by Winslow Homer and a glass stein from Joplin's late House of Lords can be seen at a local exhibit.

This "Area Collectors" exhibit is a collection of fine arts and antiques from the private collections of area citizens.

The Spiva Center for the Arts, located at 222 W. Third St., will be holding this exhibit through Nov. 9.

"It's just to showcase the artwork that people in this area collect," said Darlene Brown, Spiva director.

Spiva uses this exhibit as a kickoff to help get new members, said Mary Barksdale, executive secretary.

"This is the first of our membership drive," Barksdale said.

Brown said the exhibit is not held by Spiva on an annual basis.

"Last time we had this was two years ago," she said. "This is the third one we've had in our 50 years."

Brown said the names of some of the artists featured in the exhibit may not be readily renowned to most people.

"There's a lot of work by Midwestern artists who are starting to be collected now," she said.

"But as for the general public, they wouldn't recognize them."

She said this exhibit contains maybe 60 pieces belonging to 10-15 different collectors.

Barksdale said nearly 150 people went through the art exhibit on the

first weekend of its opening.

Brown said a diverse collection of items is featured in this exhibit.

"It's a real eclectic collection," she said. "I think there is something here for everyone to see and enjoy."

She said only certain pieces are eligible to be in the exhibit.

"The criteria for this year's was that the fine arts had to be older than 50 years and the antiques older than 75 years," Brown said.

She said this exhibit is a chance for people to see that local people have fine arts and antique collections.

"I think it's just interesting for people to see that there are people in the area who are serious collectors," Brown said, "or have pieces that have been handed down to them." □

MISSOURI SOUTHERN FILM SOCIETY

Campus shows French serial, 'Judet'

A nostalgic tribute to the silent French serial *Judex* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium at Missouri Southern.

This is the third program in the 36th annual Film Festival presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society. Financial assistance for this project is provided by the Institute of International Studies at Southern and the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

Both the original 1916 version of *Judex* and this 1966 remake are comic book tales of Judex, a crime fighter, and Fantomas, arch-criminal, that are prototypes for Batman and Superman.

Judex takes on the task of avenging families whose lives have been ruined by the manipulations of the ruthless banker Favraux.

At the same time, he is appointed as guardian to Favraux's daughter, protecting her from a pair of ruthless kidnapers who plan to use her to obtain the banker's ill-gotten fortune.

These criminals go to elaborate extremes to capture Judex but fail miserably due to the efforts of a bumbling, whimsical detective and a gorgeous circus acrobat.

"This film is great fun," said Harrison Kash, director of the Film Festival. French director Georges Franju recreat-

ed the atmosphere and story of *Judex* in this feature film.

Film Daily called it "a strange poetic mixture of black humor, fantasy and deeds of derring-do that are almost choreographic." It added "certainly the picture is one that discriminating patrons will want to see."

Season tickets for the remaining eight programs are still available for \$10 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and students. Single admissions are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students.

Season tickets are available through the MSSC Ticket Office, Billingsly Student Center, Room 112. □

THE CHART SOUTHERN FACES

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TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Athletic training provides Bill King, assistant athletic trainer, the opportunity to work in a field he enjoys. He hopes to someday become a head trainer at the collegiate level.

Education important in field

New assistant finds athletic training an exciting, challenging profession

By JUSTIN DUDINSKY
CHART REPORTER

Don't worry if you sprain your ankle or pull a muscle. Missouri Southern has a new assistant athletic trainer to help you on campus.

Bill King grew up in a small farming community north of Omaha, Neb., with his parents and two brothers, who are both trainers.

"As I started college I really had no concrete idea as what I wanted to do," he said.

King began his college career at Doane College in Crete, Neb., graduating with a bachelor's in exercise science in 1991.

"I finally decided that I wanted to become a fitness instructor, but I didn't realize that the money is really poor in that field," said King, who decided to go in another direction.

He loves sports, so he went to Fort Hays (Kan.) State University for his master's of science degree in 1993.

There he also got married and was the assistant on the track team.

"I figured that if I got my master's it would open more doors to get my career started," King said.

Unfortunately, those colleges and universities he contacted thought he wasn't experienced enough to take a head coaching position in track and field. This was yet another setback for him.

"I was really frustrated with the situation I was in," he said. "So I figured that I would relax a little bit."

During this time off King's oldest brother's friend gave him some sage advice.

"He really made me see the light, saying that I really should go into what I really know, athletic training," King said.

So back to Fort Hays he went, this time to get his athletic training certification and teaching certificate.

"I could have been a doctor with all of the schooling I received," King said with a grin.

"The athletic certification and teaching certificate really will help when looking toward athletic training."

“My biggest sense of accomplishment is when I help get an athlete back to full functioning ability.”

Bill King
Assistant athletic trainer

In 1996 King took his first official job at the Ellis School District in Kansas.

He was labeled as the physical education teacher, coach, and athletic trainer.

He spent one year there before coming to Freeman Hospitals and Health System in Joplin, who placed him at Southern.

While he does enjoy working at Southern, he said he would eventually like to move in a different direction.

"I would like to possibly get five to eight years of experience as an assistant trainer," he said.

"Then I would like to become a head trainer somewhere at the collegiate level."

King went on to say that being a trainer is an exciting and challenging profession.

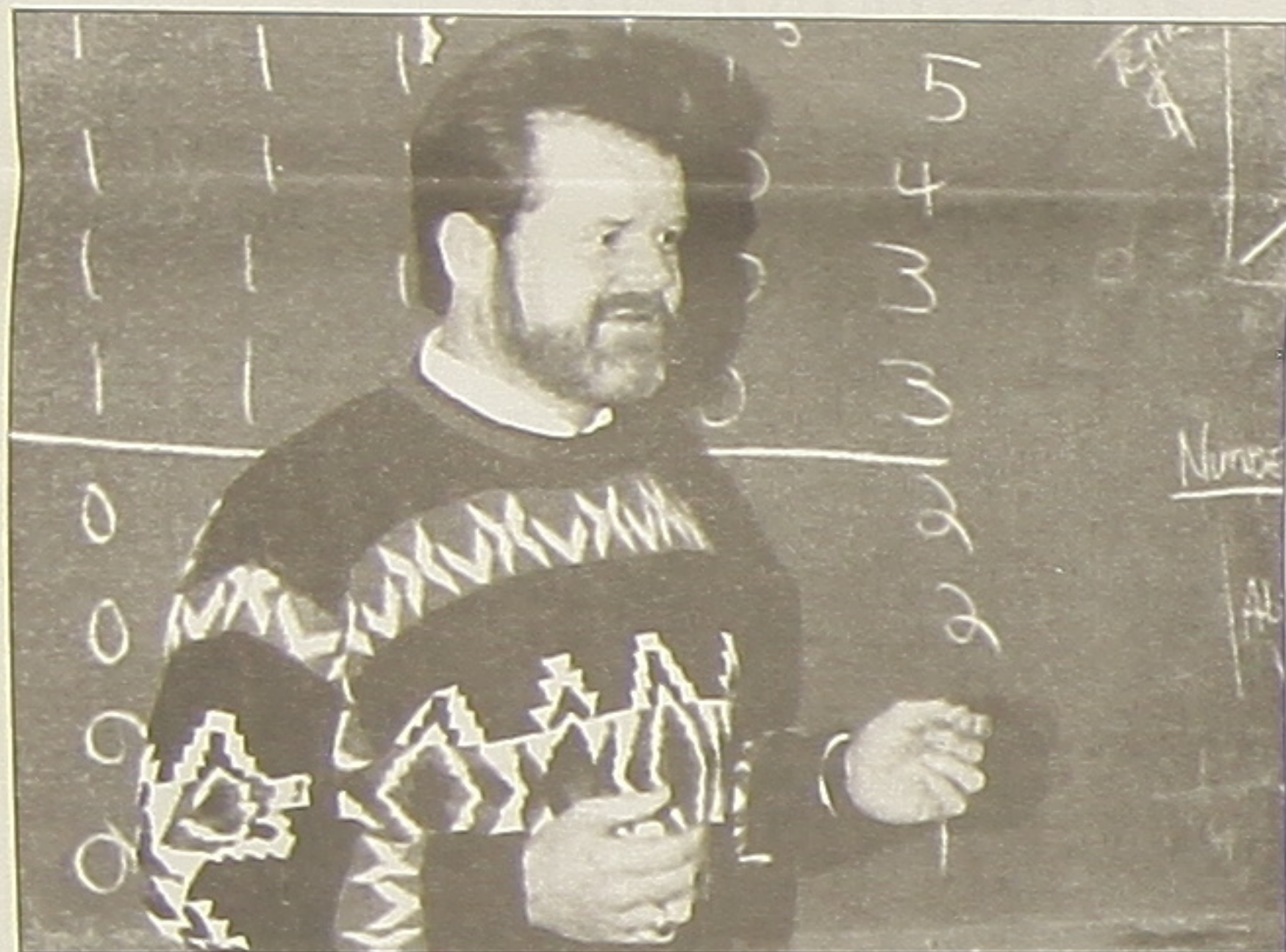
"This is a very tough field to get into right now," he said. "But if you love sports and really want to stay involved with them, then athletic training could be for you."

One thing he recommends is to get a teaching certificate, because it will help help a person's athletic training options.

King has enjoyed working with the staff and students at Southern, saying he really likes the environment here.

"My biggest sense of accomplishment is when I help get an athlete back to full functioning ability," he said. □

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Dr. Keith Cochran, assistant professor of psychology said psychology is more than work, but a way of life. Cochran said he is impressed with Southern's emphasis on quality teaching.

Profession is more than a job

By ERIC GRUBER
CHART REPORTER

For some college students, keeping motivated in their studies may seem an almost impossible task.

But for Dr. Keith Cochran, assistant professor of psychology, his drive to stay focused was fueled by a close-to-home experience.

"An accident with my youngest son about 10 years ago stimulated my interest in educational psychology," he said.

The accident left his son with some learning problems. Cochran says the accident "brought me to where I am today."

Now, his son is doing better and his drive has led his road to Missouri Southern. Cochran began teaching here in August.

He has a Ph.D. in educational psychology and an Ed.S. in research from the University of Alabama. While there, he was a part-time student and a part-time instructor teaching psychology courses.

Upon graduating, Cochran

received three job offers but decided to come to Southern because of the full-time teaching position.

"I was really impressed with the collegiality of the faculty," he said. "I was impressed with the school and its mission, not only its international mission but its emphasis on quality teaching. I wanted to be teaching."

Traveling with his wife, Laurel, is one of his more enjoyable pastimes. His household includes four children, and he is also a grandfather.

Cochran describes himself as "somewhat shy and reserved" and he lets his accomplishments speak for who he is.

While attending the University of Alabama, Cochran received every award the college of education offered.

These included the most outstanding teaching assistant award twice, most outstanding research assistant award, most outstanding student in educational psychology twice, and the Paul W. Terry scholarship for outstanding work in educational psychology.

Psychology is described by Cochran as being a "fascinating field."

He even finds himself reading medical journals for leisure.

"I live and breathe my field of study," Cochran says. "It's not that I'm thinking of work all of the time; it's a way of life."

When examine his future goals, Cochran says he is happy at Southern and has no other plans than staying here. He also says he wouldn't mind retiring here. Even though he is fulfilled with his education, he said he would be interested studying at Oxford some summer just to further his understanding of his field.

The advice Cochran gives to incoming students is to "explore all possibilities to find their niche." With some with undecided majors and uncertainty among others, Cochran believes that he's found his.

And what opinions has Cochran formed about his new job here at Southern? "I think I'm really going to like it." □

MANUFACTURING INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Boyhood lesson assists Eze in life

By DANNY SMITH
CHART REPORTER

Looking for adventure, 17-year-old Moe Eze left Lagos, Nigeria, with money enough for airfare and one semester at Alabama A&M University.

Looking back, Dr. Moe O.J. Eze, associate professor and head of the manufacturing information management systems (MIMS) program at Missouri Southern, said his father could not afford to send him to America.

Eze related to his father a lesson he learned as a boy. Eze and his grandfather were observing some cows swishing their tails in order to chase flies away. His grandfather asked: "How does a cow with no tail get rid of the flies?" Answering his own question, he said, "The good Lord takes care of them." After hearing this story, his father gave permission for Eze to go.

After working for two years in Lagos to earn money, Eze finally landed in Alabama.

"Young and alone, I did what I was told," he said. "I was not well advised. My intention was to become a medical doctor. I wanted to help people, and that's why I had focused my attention on biology, chemistry, physics, math, and other sciences in high school in Nigeria."

He was persuaded instead to study mechanical engineering.

At Alabama A&M, Eze swept floors five hours a night, five nights a week for \$2 per hour. He was excited about making \$50 a week. Soon he accumulated \$300. He bought an old car, and his roommate taught him to drive.

"Then I could drive to town and work 60 hours a week washing dishes for \$2 per hour," Eze said. "I earned enough money to pay for my sister to come to America and to pay her tuition."

Eze was working at Kentucky Fried Chicken when he was offered an engineering job with the Case Tractor Company in Iowa. He made \$10,000 a year at Case.

"Unbelievable!" Eze said. "When I got to Iowa, it was my first snow. I was scared. But I hung in there."

The company offered free tuition to anyone who would take night classes.

"My fellow employees were playing on their snowmobiles," he said. "I was in school. In two years I earned my MBA in marketing and finance. I was promoted to manager of my department."

"After a year, I thought, 'If I cannot be a medical doctor, I want to get the highest degree in my field.' So I left the company and went to North Carolina [A&T State University] and got my master's degree in mechanical engineering and applied statistics. That was when Reagan was president and there were all kinds of job offers. I received 25 job offers from IBM, Ford, Chrysler — you name it."

A friend advised Eze to choose IBM in Colorado. Through IBM, he was able to earn his Ph.D. in industrial engineering, concentrating on applied statistics and reliability engineering, at Colorado State University.

It was while teaching at Metropolitan State College of Denver that he realized his greatest satisfaction.

"I felt I had a divine calling to teach," said Eze, who noticed there were no minorities in the engineering department. He began to ask why.

"I wanted to make a difference," said Eze, who began to talk to students and ask them why they were not interested in engineering. He found three main reasons: they were afraid of math, they did not think they could become engineers, and they didn't think anyone cared. He found



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Dr. Moe O.J. Eze, associate professor and head of MIMS, traveled from Nigeria to America to become a doctor but later changed his major to mechanical engineering.

they were studying psychology, philosophy, sports, music, and the arts. They were afraid of math and science. He told them: "We cannot all be Michael Jordan. We can not all be Michael Jackson. The rest of us have to hit the books."

Eze began a mentoring program for all students who wanted to be successful. When he left Denver, many minorities were studying engineering.

"I was able to make a difference. Many kids came back to thank me."

In Denver he also began visiting the city jail.

"I did not like what I saw," Eze said. "The inmates were like caged animals. They were in a correctional facility, but they were getting no correction. They were wasting away. Many of them could be changed if someone cared. It broke my heart. I wanted to do something to help them."

Before coming to Missouri, Eze worked for General Motors in Buffalo, N.Y. He also taught at the State University of New York in Buffalo.

"While I was working for General Motors, I realized I had to do what my soul asked me to do," Eze said. "I want to help more kids. When I came to this program (Missouri Southern), I came with my heart."

"I would like to talk to the mayor of this town to ask him to give me the opportunity to go to the jail and teach kids something to keep them from going back there. How many tax dollars do we spend to keep them there? We need to spend the tax dollars to keep them out and make them productive."

Eze is excited about Southern's MIMS program.

"It is designed for the 21st century and to feed employees with good employees," he said. "An undecided student should look into the opportunity. Do not be afraid of math, it can be fun. I would like the opportunity to show any student it can be fun. That is my mission. It is not just a job. It is my life."

When Eze came to Southern in August, the moving van didn't. He, his wife, and four daughters had to sleep on the floor and rough it.

He is grateful to his friends at Southern for coming to his rescue. They supplied many daily necessities until his household things arrived four weeks later.

"Like the cow with no tail, the good Lord takes care of me," he said. □

ENROLLMENT

Skaggs gears up for big 'Days'

By BETH HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

Nestled deep in the heart of Hearn Hall in the admissions office is a new man on campus who happens to head a huge program for high school seniors — educating them about the College.

Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, jumps into his first semester at Missouri Southern with several events coming up.

Skaggs stages two events called Southern Discovery Days this semester, four in all this year.

They allow high school seniors to come to Southern to learn more about it.

"We'll give them a tour of campus; it takes about an hour," Skaggs said.

After the tour, students visit with faculty and receive information on

financial aid, housing, academics, and College services.

Skaggs says he has a list of about 5,000 students who have been invited to spend a day on campus this year.

"I can't give you the actual percentage, but there is a large percentage that end up going here," he said.

Students mainly come from four-state area schools, but some even come from other countries.

Skaggs says the key to successful recruitment is a heightened amount of interaction.

"We promote our faculty and our students here," he says. "We also want our faculty to follow up on those students."

"It's all part of what we call relationship marketing."

Saturday, Oct. 18 will be the first of the Southern Discovery Days this year. In addition to the regular

slate of activities, prospective students can enjoy a tailgate party at 6 p.m., before the Southern football game against Emporia State.

The other three Discovery Days occur on Friday, Nov. 14; Monday, Feb. 16; and Friday, March 20.

Jamie Taylor, junior secondary education major, works in the admissions office and helps put these events together.

"Robin Hicklin is the admissions counselor, and he's the one who sets up these days, but he also goes out and visits high schools," Taylor said.

"I'm the one who does all the work while Robin's gone."

Taylor believes these days are beneficial to prospective students.

"They come to get a campus tour, but we offer them a few other things," she said. "We'll have a couple of break-out sessions. They seem to work out pretty well."

"It just depends on how many students we have come."

Justin Skaggs, freshman marketing major, attended one of the Southern Discovery Days last year. He heard about the event from the Southern admissions representative who visited his high school.

"I did it to further my knowledge about the campus," he said. "And also to skip school."

What helped him decide to come to Southern?

"He (our guide) told us there were more girls than guys on campus," Skaggs said with a laugh. "That influenced my decision, but I was more concerned about my education."

Informing potential students about that education is Derek Skaggs' job. And he sums up his philosophy in one sentence.

"We need to establish a relationship with our future students." □

JOBS: Company brings opportunities

From Page 1

Joplin was competing with Little Rock, Ark., and Midland, Texas, for the company's approval, and several factors made the difference.

"We felt Joplin had a high work ethic," said Gene Speyer, a representative of the company.

"The state and city incentives were exceptional, and the real estate was well-suited to our needs."

ATC employs more than 3,500 people at centers in Irving, Addison, and Garland, Texas; San Francisco; and Chicago.

"This is the first time we have located a center outside of a major urban area," Speyer said.

According to Bill Bergeron, senior vice president, Missouri Southern was a drawing card in the company's decision.

"There are colleges in our other locations, but in big cities they

are so far away that we really don't draw from them," he said. "The proximity of Missouri Southern will make it ideal."

Bergeron said ATC will be looking for a stable employment base of full-time workers, but it will have many part-time jobs available as well.

"We use a lot of college students in our present locations, and it works well," Speyer said. "We're looking for people who have good phone etiquette, good speech, basic math, good spelling, some dictation skills, and some computer skills."

Speyer also expects to employ many Southern graduates for upper-level positions.

"We will need to hire for positions such as quality assurance monitors, supervisors, and account managers," he said.

The announcement was made last week by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. □

HOME SCHOOL: College presents whole new challenge

From Page 1

Moss' mother, Jane, chose to home school her children not only to give them a Christian education, but also to help them develop the social skills she believes are valuable.

Having your mother play the role of school teacher is unique to home schooling.

"Everything worked really well," Moss said. "It can strain a relationship because everywhere you go, she's over you, but we adjusted and survived."

Many may also believe that a home-schooled child

who enters college at an earlier age than most will have a hard time adapting. Allman believes this can be true.

"Early graduates tend to be more introverted, more to themselves, and have to make a greater effort to socialize," she said.

Shiloh Burchfield, a 17-year-old freshman physics major, does not agree.

"I think I have more self-motivation to achieve because of my being home schooled," he said. "Age hasn't seemed to be a factor."

Though Moss does not believe home schooling is for everyone, he does believe it is a valuable option. □

ENGLISH: Students generally accept placement by tests

From Page 3

Brown said his findings are consistent with those of other colleges and universities, both on the state level and the national level.

"I have also heard from a number of English faculty that students are more uniform in their ability levels now," he said.

Some students, however, balk at the idea of their placement being based on a 45-minute essay.

"I think they should use ACT scores or look at our high school work," said Andrew Bates, freshman business major. "One test doesn't say anything."

"I had a B-average in high school and got a 22 on my English ACT score, but I ended up in English 80."

According to Simpson, some students with scores as low as a 12 on the ACT end up in English 101. On the other hand, students who score high on the ACT don't

always belong in English 111.

"Occasionally we re-test if the student challenges the assessment," Simpson said.

Most students seem to accept the writing placement test as a valid assessment of their abilities.

"I think it's better to do the writing test," said Amy Foell, freshman business major, "because on the ACT you are only answering questions, not actually writing. In class, you will be writing." □

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New chess club draws all ages, abilities

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

Tucked away amidst the books and magazines of the Joplin Public Library, one just might find a silent medieval war going on.

Of course, this war does not involve bloodshed, and in the end no land is lost and no governments topple. This war is chess, and members of the Joplin chapter of the Greater Ozarks Chess Club are the warriors.

"I think [chess] is the greatest thing in life," said Charles Engle, a member from Carl Junction. "No matter what background you're from, or if you're rich or poor, it's something anyone can do."

From the chain-smoking Boris Spassky to the brilliant Aaron Nimzovitch, the chess world has historically embraced all types, and that attitude is prevalent in this club.

"This is one of the few sports where it doesn't matter how old you are," said Chris Hunt, the chapter's founder. "You can get the elderly, senior citizens, youngsters, teenagers; even some who are in first and second grade show up here occasionally and play a few games."

"There's no special group you have to belong to — you don't have to be a certain age, a certain height, you don't have to have any physical abilities, you just have to like to play chess."

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This is one of the few sports where it doesn't matter how old you are.

Chris Hunt
Club founder

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The club was formed by accident, when Hunt and a friend began playing chess in the library on Sundays.

"People just started dropping in," Hunt said. "When exactly we became well-known as 'people who play chess at the library,' I couldn't tell you. We did finally decide to formalize and become a club about a month and a half ago."

They were then adopted by the Greater Ozarks Chess Club out of Springfield.

This allowed them to be recognized by the United States Chess Federation and hold rated USCF tournaments, although there are as yet no plans for such a tournament.



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Concentration is part of the game for chess club members (clockwise from left) Charles Engle, Joplin; Chris Hunt, Joplin; Wayne Yount, Webb City; and Jack Wescott Jr., Seneca.

There will be an unrated tournament Thursday at the Java House. There is a \$10 entry fee that will go to prize money.

The chess club meets from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. every Sunday at the Joplin Public Library.

Anyone interested is invited show up at

anytime during the day to watch and/or play chess.

"There's no membership dues, there's no paperwork to fill out at this time," Hunt said. "You don't even have to join the club — you can just come and play chess." □

RECREATION

Bikes race through conservation area

Neosho course provides beginners with opportunity to try hand at racing

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When Neosho Neighborhood Recreation Center sponsors its monthly bicycle race Sunday, it will be doing the whole thing backwards.

"The last race we had, a month ago, started at 6 [p.m.] and it was just starting to get dark as we were finishing it up," said Cheri Palmieri, recreation director at NNRC. "So, we decided to move it up to 4 [p.m.] this time. We also decided to run the trail from the other end [backwards] this time, just for fun."

The recreation center started having monthly mountain bike races at Gibson Springs in March.

It sponsors the race the second Sunday at Ft. Crowder Conservation Area on HH Highway.

Depending upon the division and class of the rider, the race is from five to 20 miles long. There are three divisions and 12 classes. Around 30 individuals have been competing.

"It's a fun race," Palmieri said. "It's not a hard race like the ones in Pineville and down in Arkansas. They're pretty rocky and pretty hard. This is a good race to get in shape for those. If you're a beginner, this is an excellent track to start with."

Most of the five-mile track is a gravel path, and about half of it is through the woods.

"It may have some sticks and rocks, but most of the trail that runs through the woods is moss-covered," Palmieri said. "There's one hill we call Killer Hill, that I've never been able to make it up. I have to walk my bike up it."

Riders are required to wear helmets. Gloves are recommended because of thorny blackberry bushes along the trail.

Two local businesses, Joplin Bike and Fitness and Bicycle Specialists, inspect the bikes before each race to ensure there are no sharp objects sticking out of them.

"I like to get down there as often as I can," said Cliff Walker, owner of Bicycle Specialists. "There are a number of races during the season, and it's beneficial for me as a means of helping me train and progress in mountain biking."

"Compared to most mountain bike courses, this one is not quite as difficult as the average. It's a good level of difficulty for a new mountain bike rider to jump in and enjoy."

He encourages new mountain bike racers to better their bike skills before going on to other races.

Registration continues today at Neosho Recreation Center, or Sunday at the race site from 2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. The entry fee is \$15. T-shirts and sports drinks will be handed out as prizes, and persons wanting more information may call 417-451-8090. □

CATTLE DRIVE



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Shene' Loyd, Webb City, mugs for the crowd from the back of a wagon while Bud Kite checks on her. They were participating in a cattle drive benefiting Turnaround Ranch, an organization that benefits area youth.

NATIONAL GUARD

Media experience rifles, helicopters

By EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

Shooting an M-16 and riding in a helicopter can be an interesting and exciting experience. Media Day, held Sunday at the 203rd Engineer Battalion at Camp Crowder in Neosho, was an opportunity for the National Guard to show civilians a glimpse of what being in the military is all about.

The day began with a safety briefing followed by a ride to the firing range in a (Tammy). After a second safety briefing, civilians shot at pop-up targets at distances between 50 and 300 meters with an M-16. Next on the agenda was a 30-minute flight in an Army helicopter. Due to the overwhelming response, a second flight was arranged.

"It's [joining the Guard] a good option for people around here," said Chief Warrant Officer Roger Umphenour. "It's good 'unemployment insurance' [too]."

Most of the soldiers have a civilian life in addition to a military one. The Guard is their weekend job. Umphenour, a civilian pilot for an airline based in New York, also pilots in the Guard.

Service in the Guard is usually one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer each year. Going to school full- or part-time or holding a civilian job is always an option.

"I would encourage anybody that's interested, particularly [in] flying for the military," said Maj. Tom Trewyn, a National Guard pilot and teacher at Joplin Junior High School. "It's been an all-together very, very good experience."

Pvt. Isaac Davis said after the basics are past, the Guard provides other rewards.

"Once you get out [of basic training], you feel really good about everything you've done," he said. "You feel like you have accomplished something, and it's motivational. I enjoy it, and it's the greatest thing I've ever done." □



MICHELLE CONTY/The Chart

All systems are go for Maj. Tom Trewyn, Missouri National Guard pilot, as he checks with passengers Sunday during Media Day events.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Annual Pumpkin Run scheduled for Oct. 18

St. John's Sports Medicine Clinic will hold its 15th Annual Pumpkin Run on Saturday, Oct. 18. The event includes a five-mile run that begins at 9 a.m. and a one-mile fun run for children beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Both runs will start at the Sports Medicine Clinic, 32nd Street and Jackson. Plaques will be given to the first male and female finishers, and medals will be given to the first-, second-, and third-place finishers in each category. Male and female categories for the five-mile run include ages 19 and under, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, and 50 and over. There are no categories for the fun run.

Participants who register for the five-mile run will get a Pumpkin Run long-sleeve T-shirt, and fun run participants will receive a pumpkin. Entry fees are \$12 for the five-mile run and \$2 for the fun run.

Sponsors for the Pumpkin Run are St. John's Sports Medicine Clinic, Duffy Distributors, KODE-TV, KSYN radio, and the Joplin RoadRunners.

To pre-register, persons should call the St. John's Sports Medicine Clinic at (417) 781-6050 or 1-800-650-6050. □

State grants funding to area Head Start Program

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is awarding a \$226,618 grant to add 50 children to the all-day Head Start Program.

The Head Start Program administered by the Economic Security Corporation serves 417 children in a four-county area. Area Head Start director Jeff Goldammer in Joplin says the expansion will include new facilities in Noel and Anderson and additional classroom space in Joplin. Goldammer says the expansion grant will allow 50 new children into the program starting in April.

"Kids being bused from Anderson to Pineville will get to stay closer to home and allow the Pineville Head Start center more room to expand," Goldammer explained.

The HHS grant will pay for new personnel and facilities, including playground equipment. The Head Start program in McDonald, Newton, Jasper, and Barton counties receives more than \$2.2 million in federal funds annually.

The expansion in Noel is being aided by a \$509,000 federal grant to renovate space in the Housing Authorities facilities for the Head Start classrooms.

The Head Start program is designed to help children from low-income families prepare for public school and receive nutritional food. □

Northpark Mall receives retail stores, game room

Work is under way on two new retail stores and a family game outlet in Northpark Mall.

Building permits have been issued for a Kids Foot Locker shoe store and a Northern Reflections women's apparel store. Both stores, scheduled to open in November, are owned by the Woolworth Corp., according to Georgia Turner, mall manager.

The cost to complete the stores is estimated at \$35,000 for each operation.

U.S. Design and Construction Co. is contractor on the Kids Foot Locker project, and C&M Commercial Builders Inc. is contractor on the Northern Reflections outlet.

Tild will be the name of a new arcade and family game outlet at the mall. A 10,400-square-foot space is being finished for the operation, owned by Nickles and Dimes. Morse Construction Co. is the contractor on the \$170,000 project. □

JOURNEY: Classroom management key

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just seem to have a blasé attitude and that frustrates them."

Fox echoed Pulliam's thoughts. His first day on the job at Joplin Junior High School will include a pep assembly, since his supervising teacher's duties as cheerleading sponsor will leave him alone with a class for a lengthy period of time.

"For me, I am going to be with 120 14-year-olds all day long; that's a lot of hormones running around," he said. "It's tough just to learn to run everything."

"I'm mostly scared of classroom management. We have a class on classroom management, but mostly you just have to be sharp and get on things quickly to be successful."

Gretchen Ward, senior elementary education major, has already visited her school (Carl Junction Intermediate) twice. She said her management skills will be put to the test as well.

"In my two visits, I saw I had 75 percent boys in my two block classes," she said. "I will have to adjust to having two different classes; I won't be teaching all the curriculum. I will have to find a way to integrate other subjects into the ones I do teach."

Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of education, said Southern has had much success placing students in schools after graduation. He credits the faculty and staff for that success.

"In the class of '95, we had 147 gradu-

“For me, I am going to be with 100 14-year-olds all day long; that's a lot of hormones running around.”

Thom Fox
Senior secondary education

ates. Out of those, 143 are employed in the field, in the military, or have moved on to graduate school," Horvath said. "I think the single most important factor is the quality of faculty we have. They put in far more than a 40-hour work week. Their devotion to students is unbelievable. They work hard to ensure we have one of the best curricula you can find."

"The superintendents of the schools tell us first-year teachers from our program already have one year's experience over graduates from other programs. This goes back to the devotion of our faculty." □

YEARBOOK: Gubera, Miller to be advisers

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that happened during that year," Ray said. "It's only \$3 more and is about 15 pages long."

The hard-cover book should be available for distribution in early May.

"This is the first time a department yearbook has been done," said Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department. "I think the students

are pretty positive about it."

Gubera and Miller have volunteered to be faculty advisers for the project.

"I think a department yearbook is better [than a campus-wide yearbook] because it is more individually tailored," Ray said.

"I hope all the social science majors and minors will take advantage of the opportunity, and maybe other departments will follow our lead." □

Southern vs. Emporia

Catch the action

on Southern Sports Sunday,

8 p.m., Sunday October 18.



TIM WILSON/The Chart
Chad Martin, sophomore business management major, hits a putt during the annual Crossroads of America Invitational.

Big numbers at home tourney

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Some of the most powerful clubs in the area were swinging Monday and Tuesday at the annual Missouri Southern Crossroads of America Invitational Golf Tournament.

"I thought the tournament went real well," golf coach Larry Clay said.

The tournament, attended by 18 schools, is the largest Southern will play in this year. The high attendance may be attributed to a number of different factors, Clay said.

"Our central location helps; we draw teams out of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma," he said.

"We've had a tradition of always putting on a good tournament. It's always held on a good golf course, and Joplin is a nice town."

Briarbrook Country Club, which played host to this year's tournament, saw some positive action from several of the Lion golfers.

"Jason Mickey played real well the first day, but had a few bad holes," Clay said. "But he came

back the second day after the team had gotten down and shot two under for 27 holes."

Two freshmen, Chuck Schwindt and Darryl Harbaugh, along with senior leader Todd Pefferman, also had two good days for Southern on the green, Clay said.

The Lion golfers will travel to Washburn Monday to play on the course of the team who won their Crossroads of America tournament.

"Now we need to go up there and win their tournament at Topeka," Clay said.

Oct. 20-21 is the date of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Tournament, which should prove to be a strong challenge for the Lions.

"It will be a big tournament for us because at the Division II level there will probably be three to five schools ranked nationally," Clay said. "In the past they've had teams out of Arizona, Colorado, and Texas. These are all teams that annually go to the national tournament."

"It's a big confidence builder if they can go down there and play well." □

VOLLEYBALL

Weekend adds to Lady Lion loss record

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend, Missouri Southern's volleyball team lost matches to Northwest Missouri State University (99, 2-5 MIAA) and Missouri Western State College (11-5, 5-3 MIAA).

The two losses extended the Lady Lions' losing streak to six games.

Adding injury to insult, Meredith Hyde, sophomore outside hitter went down with an ankle sprain in the final game against NWMSU Friday night.

"Meredith had just hit a ball and a Northwest player came under the net," said Lady Lions head coach Debbie Traywick. "Meredith stepped on the girl's foot and her ankle rolled."

The Lady Lions won the first two games

against the Lady Bearcats, 15-13 and 15-8. The Lady Bearcats came back to defeat the Lady Lions taking the next three games 15-13, 15-10, 15-10.

"It is tough to win the first two and then lose three straight," Traywick said. The injury to Meredith shook us up mentally.

"Our setter was hurt and the girls made a great adjustment to Julie Brophy after the first two games."

Sarah Pelster, Lady Bearcats head coach added. "It took those two games to adjust to the new setter, but we settled down and took control."

Stephanie Gockley had 16 kills and 16 digs for the Lady Lions. Hyde tallied 19 kills, 15 digs, and three blocks before her injury. Amber Collins totaled 68 assists.

The Lady Lions traveled to St. Joseph Saturday to face the Lady Griffons of

Missouri Western and were dropped 15-11, 15-11, 15-5.

"We lost an important floor leader at Northwest," Traywick said. "It took us a little bit to adjust. I was pleased that we kept playing hard."

Stephanie Gockley had 12 kills and 10 digs, and Sara Winkler added 21 digs of her own. Amber Collins had 31 assists.

Tonight the Lady Lions play in the Texas Women's University tournament. Their opposition includes teams such as North Alabama, Henderson State, University of Mississippi for women, and Texas Women's University.

"We are going to see some good volleyball this week," Traywick said.

"Most of the teams are ranked regionally in the top five. It will be a very competitive weekend." □

Scoreboard

Where to Catch the Lions and Lady Lions:

Chartnet...www.mssc.edu/pages/chhome.htm

Missouri Southern Sports Network...107.1 FM (Joplin)

Southern Sports Sunday...

noon, KGCS-LP, channel 57

Football

MIAA Standings

Through October 10 (Conf, overall)

1. Northwest Missouri 3-0, 5-0
2. Pittsburg State 3-0, 4-0
3. Truman State 3-0, 3-1
4. Central Missouri 2-1, 3-2
5. Washburn 2-1, 3-2
6. Emporia State 1-2, 3-2
7. Missouri Southern 1-2, 2-2
8. Missouri Westerns 0-3, 2-3
9. Missouri-Rolla 0-3, 1-4
10. Southwest Baptist 0-3, 0-4

MIAA Leaders

Through October 6

Passing

1. Greisen, Chris, Jr., NWMSU, 1095 yds.
2. Jelovic, Pete, Sr., ESU, 1397 yds.
3. Siegrist, Zack, Jr., PSU, 411 yds.
4. Kaiser, Paul, Sr., CMSU, 675 yds.
5. Posey, Jerel, Sr., MWSC, 612 yds.

Rushing

1. Johnson, Justin, Sr., PSU, 575 yds.
2. Shay, Brian, Jr., ESU, 685 yds.
3. Scott, Karega, Sr., TSU, 522 yds.
4. Williams, Tony, Sr., MWSC, 462 yds.

Receiving

1. Malon, Tony, Sr., ESU, 664 yds.
2. Ross, James, Sr., TSU, 314 yds.
3. Rucker, Andy, Sr., WU, 345 yds.
4. Jackson, Elliot, Sr., UMR, 321 yds.



Lions Week 4

At Missouri Western State College

Lions 35	7	15	7	6	—35
Griffons 22	0	0	10	12	—22

Scoring:

1st
Lions—Clay 30 pass from Cornelsen (Lewis kick), 6:22
end of 1st—7-0

2nd
Lions—Whithead 72 punt return (kick failed), 11:20
Lions—Lewis 22 FG, 3:16
Lions—Woolridge 13 pass from Cornelsen (run failed), 0:15
end of 2nd—22-0

3rd
Griffons—Ybarra 26 FG, 9:03
Lions—Clay 5 run (Lewis kick), 4:30
Griffons—Spencer 7 run (Ybarra kick), 1:08
end of 3rd—29-10

4th
Griffons—Trotter 1 run (run failed), 7:56
Lions—Colenbuck 2 run (Block failed), 1:53
Griffons—Bran. Burnside 19 pass from Posey (pass failed), 0:28
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Soccer



MIAA Standings

(conf, overall)

1. Missouri-Rolla 1-0, 5-5
2. Missouri Southern 1-1, 4-5
3. Truman State 0-0, 7-3
4. Southwest Baptist 0-0, 1-11
5. Lincoln 0-1, 1-7

Volleyball

MIAA Standings

Through October 10 (Conf, overall)

1. Central Missouri 6-0, 15-2
2. Washburn 4-2, 11-8
3. Emporia State 4-2, 9-10
4. Missouri Western 5-3, 11-5
5. Truman State 4-3, 11-10
6. Northwest Missouri 3-5, 10-9
7. Pittsburg State 3-5, 6-12
8. Missouri Southern 2-6, 4-9
9. Southwest Baptist 0-5, 5-15

Cross Country



Top Lion Times

1. Jon Wilks, 25:53
2. Jay Kocks, 28:18
3. Jake Wells, 28:26

Lady Lion Times

Stampede

1. Sonia Blacketer, 18:09
2. Amanda Harrison, 18:57
3. Shanna Lynch, 20:31

Family Discount Night



Missouri Southern Lions vs. Emporia State Hornets

Next Saturday at 7:00 at Hughes Stadium

\$2 admits the entire family

Ticket office hours:
Mon - Fri 9-2

Students pick up tickets at Southern Ticket Office
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. lower level, BSC

This week

Saturday

■ Cross Country at Pittsburg State Invitational

■ Soccer vs. Truman State, 1:00 p.m.

Monday

■ Lion Golf at Washburn State, TBA

Tuesday

■ Lion Golf at Washburn State, TBA

■ Volleyball at Southwest Baptist, 4:00 p.m.

■ Soccer vs. Ozark Christian College, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday

■ Soccer vs. Ozark Christian College, 4:00 p.m.

Friday

■ Volleyball at Emporia State University, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

■ Football vs. Emporia State, 7:00 p.m.

■ Volleyball at Washburn State, 1:00 p.m.

Sports SCOPE

Players face possibility of burn out

They are the rare and gifted athletes who seem to rise above the rest. These players seem to excel and advance on their natural talent.

While most people would give anything to have their talent, there is a big price to pay.

In high school, these players are recruited heavily by a num-



Joe Eckhoff
Staff Writer

ber of college coaches calling them, sending letters, visiting their homes, and watching them play. Then, once they sign that letter of intent and start playing, there is even more pressure to perform on an even higher level.

Most coaches believe their best players are the ones they have to get on and push harder than other players.

Once athletes switch from high school to college, things become very different.

They come in and are used to being the best on the team, but now have to adjust to playing with players who are just as good as they are. With the hours of practice college athletes put in day after day, some simply get burned out.

One player suffering from burnout is sophomore third baseman Brad Smith, from Baxter Springs, Kan., who recently quit the baseball squad.

This was a big shock to the Lions considering Smith was invited to and accepted an invitation to play last summer in the Cape Cod (Mass.) League, one of the most prestigious amateur summer leagues in the nation. The league has tremendous competition, including players mostly from NCAA Division I schools. Last year, as a true freshman, Smith batted .374 with five home runs.

Some athletes quit because they just can't handle the pressure. But this wasn't the case with Smith — he was just purely, simply, burned out.

There are numerous things about baseball that could have burnt Smith out. It could have been playing baseball all summer, or not looking forward to the fall season. The fall practice season starts in September and lasts until November, with workouts usually scheduled six days a week. Then once the spring season starts, the team plays 50-60 games. In March, the team may play as many as six games per week.

On the other hand, if you are not having fun playing the sport, you shouldn't be playing. Athletes who aren't enjoying themselves are forced to make a difficult decision.

Quitting a sport can earn the label of "quitter," if not from former teammates and fans, then it becomes a self-given title. More so, a relationship acquired only on a field, bench, or in the locker room is lost when you leave a team.

At some time during the season, most athletes suffer some type of burnout.

What separates the good players from the great players is a fine line between those who stick with their sport, their commitment of being part of a team, and keep their obligation to their teammates who are counting on them to give their best possible effort — they do not give up. □

CROSS COUNTRY

Veteran runners continue to shine

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Getting a good look at the conference course was the key to the Missouri Southern cross country squads' decision to compete at a small meet at Northwest Missouri State University last weekend.

"The familiarity of that course will be a strength, I think," said Patty Vavra, women's coach. "It will be extremely advantageous to us at conference in two weeks."

Men's coach Tom Rutledge said despite the experience, the course will still be a tough one to run.

"It's not a difficult course, but it's difficult because it's a golf course," he said.

"When you're out on a golf course on a straight-away, it's hard to get your bearings."

Junior front runner Sonia Blacketer won the women's race at Northwest despite taking a wrong turn on the course.

"Sonia Blacketer had another outstanding race," Vavra said. "Kathy Kearnes from Northwest was there, and Sonia beat her running away."

Kearnes, last season's conference champion, finished 24 seconds behind Blacketer.

"Amanda Harrison ran well, and Shanna Lynch made a real move to step up to a higher level this week," Vavra said.

Lynch, one of the sophomores Vavra hopes will make an impact pack running at the conference meet, seemed to have her turn at a good race. Teammates Jill Becker and

Jessica Zeitler have all had good races this season, but have failed to come together on the same day, Vavra said.

"We've yet to see those three run well on the same day; they're not utilizing each other's strengths right now," she said.

With another consistent performance from Blacketer and Harrison, Vavra says she thinks getting a feel for the course and going up against nationally ranked Northwest was a valuable experience.

Rutledge said the poor course was only one of the excuses that could be used to account for a sub-par performance, but said he doesn't like to dwell on excuses.

"As a team we didn't perform as well as we needed to," he said. "Experienced athletes can find a way to do it. I don't want them to

find excuses, I want them to find a way to do it."

Rutledge says his senior leader, Jon Wilks, ran an "extremely strong" race, but needed back-up from some of the underclassmen.

"Our younger ones need to find a way to dig a little deeper, so this was a good learning experience," he said.

Dusty Franks, normally the Lions' No. 2 or 3 runner, did not run because of an injury, but is expected to be back in shape for the conference race on Oct. 25.

"I would rather have him for conference than for a smaller meet like this," Rutledge said.

As for the upcoming meet Saturday at Pittsburg State University, Rutledge says he knows the squad will rebound. □

FOOTBALL



Senior running back Mac Whitehead (29) takes charge for the Missouri Southern football Lions offense by running over a player from Missouri Western State College during Saturday's game. The Lions brought home their first conference victory of the year after beating the Griffons 35-22.

SPECIAL TO THE CHART

Lions step up to bring home first conference win

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

After dropping their first two conference games of the season, the Missouri Southern football Lions defeated Missouri Western State College 35-22 in St. Joseph Saturday.

The Lions (2-2 overall, 1-2 in the MIAA) lost at Northwest Missouri State University and at home to Pittsburg State University.

Southern opened the scoring with a 30-yard pass from junior quarterback Brad Cornelsen to senior running back Wallace Clay. Senior running back Mac Whitehead then tacked on six more with a 72-yard punt return for a touchdown, the first in 12 years for Southern.

Junior Caleb Lewis booted a 22-yard field goal to put the Lions up 16-0. With 15 seconds left in the first half,

Cornelsen hit freshman tight end Tyler Wooldridge for a 22-0 margin.

Lion head coach Jon Lantz said Saturday's performance gave him confidence his team was beginning to gel on the offensive side of the ball.

"Some of the other offensive players are beginning to take the load off of Brad, i.e. Wallace Clay, Brad Hocker, Tyson Sims, and Tyler Wooldridge," he said. "[Tony] Colenburg had a nice first quarter."

"I'm encouraged by what I see happening offensively. We need to be multi-dimensional, and we are starting to be that team."

Clay led the Southern offense with 135 total yards, 94 rushing on 16 carries and 41 receiving. Cornelsen's 152 passing yards moved him into fourth place in total career yards. He now has 3,214 total yards, surpassing Rusty Shelly (1975-77), with 3,262.

With few seniors, Lantz said his defense is still having problems finding a rhythm.

"We are still floundering at times," he said. "We are currently starting only one senior (Dustin Calvin) on defense. We start a lot of juniors, but most of them are new juniors. That explanation is not an excuse, but a statement."

"The first half against Western we played as good a defense as we've played all year."

"We've had our spurts of good play, against Pittsburg in the first quarter and against Northwest in the second half."

Southern takes the field again Saturday, playing host to Emporia State University at 7 p.m. on Oct. 18.

Southern played the first of its two Thursday games Thursday at Central Missouri State University.

For coverage of that game, see the online issue of The Chart, <http://www.mssc.edu/pages/chhome.htm>. □

SOCCER

Slow offense results in three Lion losses

Difficult conference match against rival next on Lion agenda

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

After a busy week, the soccer Lions (4-6-1) are now focusing on their biggest game of the season Saturday against Truman State University.

On Oct. 3 the Lions lost to Southern Nazarene University 3-2.

"It was a game that we played well enough to win, but they got the winning goal on an official's decision," said Lion coach Jim Cook.

Then on Sunday, the Lions had a big test against Baker University, ranked nationally in the NAIA. Led by great defense, the Lions won the game 1-0 on Shane Delmez' unassisted goal.

"We played hard, and they were a real good team, and we were able

to squeak it out," Cook said.

On Tuesday, the Lions dropped a 2-0 decision to Northeastern (Okla.) State University.

"Once again the defense played well, but we just couldn't score," Cook said.

In losing two of three games, Southern was plagued by offensive woes, scoring only three goals.

"Our team worked hard and played hard, but we had no offense and couldn't score any goals," Cook said.

Cook has been disappointed that the Lions have made little progress this season.

"Our best game of the season so far has been our first game," he said.

"Recently, we have played a lot better the past couple of games, up until the game against Northeast Oklahoma State."

When the Lions play Saturday against Truman State, Cook says they will have to be clicking on all cylinders.



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Jose Suarez, Missouri Southern forward steals the ball away from a Southern Nazarene University player during a match played Oct. 3 on Bodon Field. The Lions team was defeated by Southern Nazarene 3-2.

"I always expect us to come out hard, even though we haven't been doing it," he said. "But it seems like the better the team we play is, the better we seem to play."

To beat Truman State, favored to

win the MIAA, the Lions may have to play a near-flawless game and step up the offense.

"They are nationally ranked, and we're going to have to cut down our mistakes to have any chance at all," Cook said.

"It's really going to be an uphill fight; they're a really good team. We just have to play as hard as we possibly can."

"Without a doubt this is our biggest game of the season," he said. □